

Where
have
all the

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



soccer lovers gone?

Often enough we bemoan the falling attendances, posing the question: where have the fans gone?

But in similar fashion, we could also ask: why have some of yesterday's officials and coaches vanished?

It's quite extraordinary, really, how easy it appears for some people soaked in soccer tradition to wrench themselves from the game and disappear for good.

Let's take a few names in Sydney, at random.

Jim Bayutti was the founder of the APIA club, president of NSW. No. 2 man in the ASF and the main instigator for Australia to enter its first World Cup in 1965. He now is running his business and is chairman of the Urban Transport Authority. Gone from soccer completely.

Frank Parsons, former Australian International, was also NSW president. A school headmaster — you hardly ever see him at games.

Ian MacAndrew was for years secretary of the ASF. He's still in business in Sydney — another ghost from the past.

Until recently **Frank Lowy** was chairman of the NSL, now he can't be seen at games, only in his offices at the vast Westfield Corporation.

Much the same can be said about former coaches who, at one time or another, played a prominent role in our soccer.

Leo Baumgartner, **Karl Jaros**, **Tony Schwartz**, **Ferdo Dunaj**, **Joe Marston** and sev-



Jim Bayutti

eral others are completely out of the senior game and only occasionally bob up at matches.

Then—the great players of the 1960s and 1970s: **Ninaus**, **Schauman**, **Giacometti**, **Sherwin**, **Massey**, **Curry**, **Moore** — where have they disappeared?

Clearly, today's soccer holds no more magic for most of them, otherwise they would have hung onto the umbilical cord somehow.

So next time we wonder why the spectators melt away from the game, we should perhaps try to find out why so many true lovers of soccer also chuck it in and turn to other pastimes.

The loss of so many fine ex-players is perhaps the greatest blow. We must have literally hundreds of former First Division players in Sydney between the ages of 30 and 45 whose skill and experience won't be passed on to future generations.

Do imagine what could be done if our administrators took their task more seriously, if the available funds were used with greater foresight.

We could divide our cities into geographical zones and assign districts and schools into the care of these Les

Schaumans, Herbert Ninauses and Stuart Sherwins. We could have every corner of the city covered by a highly qualified former star player.

We could have our juniors taught how to caress and kick the ball by a **Leo Baumgartner** or **Eduardo Massey** and not by keen but totally inept fathers, uncles — and often mothers.

I know such a scheme would cost money — but it could be obtained. What is infinitely more difficult to do is organise the plan.

Why? Because it's not spectacular enough. It wouldn't produce results tomorrow or next week and it mightn't even be unmarket-oriented.

And yet, if it could be done, in four years or so and thereafter we would be able to send teams to the Youth World Cup which are technically accomplished — and thoroughly up to international standards not just in guts and stamina and all that but in pure football ability, too.



Leo Baumgartner



Johnny Giacometti

TO THE EDITOR . . .

SIR — As a result of your article on the front page of "Soccer Action" two weeks ago regarding the question of ethnic names and their usage in the N.S.L., I would firstly like to congratulate you on your acceptance of the different nationalities of teams in the N.S.L. and secondly to congratulate and voice my support to those clubs refusing to enter the N.S.L. unless their national names are recognised.

Some readers might say "what's in a name?" but I strongly believe in people's nationalities being recognised and considering that the largest portion of soccer supporters in Australia are of ethnic origin I cannot understand why

clubs with ethnic supporters should be deprived of their ethnic names.

I would especially like to stress in regards to my own club, **Preston Macedonia**, that 99% of supporters are Macedonian. About half of these supporters come from parts of Macedonia where they are deprived of their national identity and it is therefore very sad that even though they are now living in a democratic and so called multi-cultural society, there are forces here which would still go to any length to make sure that their national identity and name are suppressed.

On the few occasions that my club has been shown on "Match of the Day," the sup-

KAT'S CORNER

with PETER KATHOLOS



Davo, Russell, Bozanic in \$800,000 class

Watching Macedonia v. South Melbourne Hellas on TV recently, I was most impressed by the organisation of the Hellas team.

Since **Len McKendry** took over as coach eight weeks ago, Hellas has been beaten only twice — a tremendous achievement.

Talking to **Alan Davidson** of Hellas, his message is: "Watch out for Hellas! There's a lot of spirit in the team and — the morale is sky-high."

I also liked **Macedonia's** **Zarko Odzakov**.

Watching him on TV, he looked a stylish player with a lot of experience behind him.



Wallace

Odzakov

Sharne

He is skilful and intelligent and you can tell immediately that he is of European background.

As good as Wallace

Right back **Danny Wallace**, who toured recently with **England**, was transferred to **Spurs** for \$800,000, but having watched him in action, I'd say that our top right backs — guys like **Alan Davidson**, **Vic Bozanic** and **Bobby Russell** — aren't far behind him.

If they were transferred within Australia, they would go for probably around \$20,000, so the difference in money is no indication of ability.

I would say that if **Davidson**, **Bozanic** and **Russell** were playing in the **English First Division**, they too would be in the \$800,000 category.

Sharne is so right

Reading **Peter Sharne's** views since coming back from **Hong Kong**, I was interested that he says the standard of the game in Australia deteriorated during his absence.

He said the reason was a general lack of highly talented players able to draw crowds. I agree. A few more highly

talented individuals would do the league the world of good.

Watch the diet

What is the proper diet for a soccer player? Reading the views of a dietitian, we find that the body needs three basic materials to function properly — carbohydrates, protein and fats.

The proportion should be 60 per cent carbohydrates, 15 per cent protein and 25 per cent fats.

Foods like steak, chicken, fish and vegetables are sources of all three groups.

It's also important to eat a lot of fresh fruit because they contain A, B and C group vitamins which developed athletes require.

No player should start heavy physical exercise with a full stomach or with hunger pains. Meals should be taken at least three hours before strenuous activity.

As far as liquids are concerned, when you play a game you lose heat through perspiration so you also lose salt, which has to be replaced.

Milk or salty broth are recommended to restore the body's balance quickly.

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BORAL BRICKS

Neil Banfield of Adelaide City Juventus is determined to go out with a bang.

Banfield, who will return to England at the end of the season, climbed to within three points of joint leaders Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) and Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

Neither O'Connor nor Yankos polled votes last Sunday.

David Ratcliffe (St. George) climbed to fourth place and Zarko Odzakovic (Macedonia) to sixth place.

Meanwhile, Marshall Soper of Sydney Olympic maintained his lead in the \$1000 Boral Bricks top scorer's award, although he did not increase his tally.

JAMIE PATON (J.U.S.T.) made the biggest advance,

scoring three goals to lift his tally to nine goals.

This week's votes:
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 1 (Campbell), **ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST** 4 (Barton, Wilkinson, Petkovski, Marton) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 2000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:
 6. Sreen (St. G.), 5. Marton (St. G.), 4. Tansey (H.), 3. Ratcliffe (St. G.), 2. Lea (H.), 1. R. O'Shea (St. G.).

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Wright) **APIA-LEICHHARDT** 1 (Morsello) at Richmond Stadium. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Wright (BL), 5. P. Tredinick (APIA), 4. Bradley (APIA), 3. Vincent (BL), 2. J. Stewart (BL), 1. Bertogna (APIA).

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 1 (Brown) **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** 1 (Kirby) at Marconi

Stadium. Crowd 3272. Votes by Andrew Dettre:
 6. Mason (N), 5. Henderson (M), 4. Watson (N), 3. Djordjevic (M), 2. Senkalski (N), 1. Licata (M).

CANBERRA ARROWS 0 **PRESTON Makedonia** 1 (Ollerton) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1875. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Hoszowski (C), 5. Ambrosino (C), 4. Odzakovic (Mak), 3. Wilton (Mak), 2. Bryant (C), 1. Ollerton (Mak).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 3 (Paton) 3 **WOLLONGONG** 1

(Cotton) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd about 1500. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Paton (JUST), 5. Kyriakoulous (JUST), 4. Curovic (JUST), 3. Cotton (W), 2. McDowell (JUST), 1. Belic (JUST).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 1 (Banfield pen.) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd 2300. Votes by Mento Tsitsidis:

6. Banfield (AC), 5. Flounders (AC), 4. Rankin

(AC), 3. Egan (SM), 2. Halford (SM), 1. McNally (AC).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0 **WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS** 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd 588. Votes by Roger Dewick:

6. Heys (WA), 5. Robertson (SC), 4. Watson (SC), 3. Hiern (WA), 2. Dunne (WA), 1. de Marigny (SC).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 **BRISBANE CITY** 3 (Fabrizio, Bromfield, Williamson) at St. George Stadium. Crowd 3350. Votes by Roger Dewick:

6. Wishart (BC), 5. Rogers (SO), 4. Fabrizio (BC), 3. Glickner (BC), 2. Williamson (BC), 1. Jennings (SO).

LEADERS:
 60. Yankos (H), O'Connor (W),
 57. Banfield (AC),
 53. Ratcliffe (St. G.),
 52. Davidson (SM),
 50. Odzakovic (Mak)

46. Bryant (C), Greedy (St. G.),
 45. Sermanni (Mjm Kyriakoulous (JUST),
 44. Wright (BL), Burke (N),
 43. Bradley (APIA),
 42. Hoszowski (C), Heys (WA),
 40. Henderson (M),
 39. Jones (Mak), Lowe (N),
 37. Sreen (St. G.), Bertogna (APIA),
 35. Crino (SM), Carroll (JUST), Tokesi (BC), P. Tredinick (APIA),
 34. Honeyman (WA), J. Watson (SC), B. Nyskous (AC),
 33. Farina (C), R. Stewart (BL), Vlietstra (W), Lucchesi, G. Campbell (Mak),
 32. Halford (SM), Boland (JUST),
 31. Katholos (SO), Hunter (BL), Wishart (BC), Mariani (APIA),
 30. Murphy (SM), Paterson

(SO), Belic (JUST), G. Watson (N), Hamilton (BC),
 29. Gibson (C), McMillan (Mak),
 27. Mason (N), Perry (BC),
 26. Villani (AC), Gray (APIA),
 25. T. Byrne (C), Blair (SM), S. O'Connor (SC), Senkalski (N), Melita (AC),
 Top scorers:
 11. Soper (SO),
 10. Bradley (APIA),
 9. Kosmina (SC), O'Connor (W), Ward, Lucchesi (Mak), Paton (KUST),
 8. Bryant (C), R. Brown (M), Egan, D. Brown (SM), Cotton (W), Mountford (N),
 7. Morsello (APIA), Hamilton (BC), Katholos (SO), Gomez (SC), Wright (BL), Lowe (N), Mullen (AC),
 6. Gibson (C), Jankovics, Bozanic (M), Paterson (SO), Slater, Marton (St. G.), J. Campbell, Lea (H), Odzakovic (Mak), Mason (N).

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

Sydney Olympic v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at St George Stadium, 3pm.

Record: Newc. 2 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 11:10 goals.

SUNDAY

Wollongong v HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER at Ziem Park, Corralim, 3pm.

Record: Wollongong 3 wins, 0 draw, 2 losses, 10:7 goals.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST v Adelaide City Juventus at St George Stadium.

Record: AdelC. 7 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss, 24:8 goals.

Brisbane City v Footscray JUST (draw) at Spencer Park, 3pm.

Record: JUST 4 wins, 5 draws, 3 losses, 16:14 goals.

APIA-LEICHHARDT v Marconi-Fairfield at St George Stadium, 4.15pm.

Record: APIA 4 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 13:14 goals.

PRESTON Makedonia v Brisbane Lions at Connor Reserve, 3pm.

Record: Makedonia 2 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss, 9:7 goals.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v Canberra Arrows at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30pm.

Record: West Adel. 6 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 21:13 goals.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Sydney City Hakoah at Middle Park, 3pm.

Record: Hakoah 7 wins, 4 draws, 2 losses, 19:12 goals.

Paterson fed up

From page one

coaches Tommy Docherty and Ken Morton to silence the critics is by winning.

Heidelberg has a good chance this week, against troubled Wollongong (see separate story) but Olympic looks doomed to defeat against title-chasing Newcastle KB United.

Craig Mason should rule the midfield for Newcastle, and central defenders Burke and Watson look capable of holding Marshall Soper and Koussis if indeed he replaces Paterson.

Footscray J.U.S.T., unbeaten for eight weeks now — by far the club's longest unbeaten run in the NSL — aims for two more "firsts".

J.U.S.T.'s highest points total in one season was 25 in

1981. So far this season, J.U.S.T. has 28, but if you revert to the old system of two points instead of three for a win, J.U.S.T. would have 21. One of the club's aims is to better the 25-point "record" and the other is to help Jamie Paton win the NSL top scorer award. His hat-trick against Wollongong last weekend gave him a total of nine for the season — only two less than top-scorer Marshall Soper (Olympic).

West Adelaide Hellas, plagued by similar intrigues as Olympic and Heidelberg, is the lowest-scoring team in the league, but its resolute defence is likely to pave the way for a victory over Canberra at Hindmarsh.

BORAL BRICKS

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All systems go for bigger NSL

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The format of the 1984 regionalised National League should be finalised on Sunday.

And the Australian Soccer Federation meeting on Saturday is likely to vote in favor of the plan to enlarge and regionalise the NSL.

In the meantime, the remaining pockets of resistance will have been eliminated.

The Victorian State League and Metropolitan League meet tomorrow (Thursday) and despite some difficulties presented by the latter, the meeting is expected to OK the NSL's plans.

It is expected that the Victorian NSL clubs and the State League clubs will share 50 per cent of the votes on the VSF, with the other 50 per cent being retained by the Metropolitan League.

And the State League's present six-man representation on the board of management is likely to be shared with the NSL clubs.

The NSW Federation executive voted during the week to oppose the NSL's plans for enlargement, but in a separate meeting, the NSW State League voted 7-4 to support the plans.

A meeting of NSW clubs will make a final decision tonight (Wednesday).

But already, Croatia, Melita Eagles and Blacktown City have said that they would join the enlarged NSL regardless of whether or not it is given State blessing.

Under the regionalisation proposals, the NSL will be increased in size from 16 to 24 clubs. This involves adding four clubs from the NSW State League and four clubs from the Victorian State League.

In Victoria, the eight NSL clubs would form their own youth league instead of running secondary teams in VSF leagues.

This means there would be four vacancies in the State League and four in the Metropolitan League, giving eight clubs the chance to be promoted.

Competition for places in the new-look NSL is hotting up, with Sutherland making a strong bid to join Croatia, Melita Eagles and Blacktown in the northern region, and Fawkner launching a determined bid to be included in the southern region.

Much has been said about the other candidates, including Juventus, Croatia, Ajax and George Cross, but Fawkner believes its credentials are at least equally as good, and its crowd support among the highest in the present State League.

Fawkner president Greg Schipano points to the club's impressive social club and floodlit home ground, its strong financial sponsorship and a team studded with former NSL stars and talented youngsters.

Meanwhile, a number of changes are likely to the rules of the 1984 NSL.

As regionalisation will cut travel costs, it is likely that the two-substitute rule will be reinstated.

There also is talk about scrapping three points for a win and going back to the two-point system.

No wages for the Wolves

Wollongong is in serious danger of disintegration following a club decision to suspend payments to its players until the end of the season — provided funds are available.

The Wolves board told a players' meeting last week the club was not in a position to pay its players because of a cash shortage. Chairman Laurie Kelly told the players the club had to pay its National League dues and other creditors and could not meet the players' payments.

This move did not receive a warm reception from the 13 contracted players.

One player said the measure would not help the team's morale while another went further by saying several players were considering leaving the club at the end of the season.

"The club cannot expect the players to play for nothing," he said.

"We're professionals and it is obvious we must seek better conditions of employment."

The Wollongong board will meet on Monday to discuss the latest developments in a season which is proving to be a disaster — both on and off the field.

The team is bottom of the league and has yet to win a match at home.

In a final bid to ease the financial situation, the club has raised its admission fee from \$4 to \$5.

But it remains to be seen what effect this rise will have on the remaining games at Ziem Park.

— PHILIP MICALLEF

Mitchell scores for Rangers

David Mitchell, bought from Sydney City Hakoah for \$29,000, made a dream debut for Glasgow Rangers, scoring after only three minutes in a Scottish League Cup win over Queen of the South on Saturday.

Mitchell provided home a chance set up by Ally McCoist. That put Queen of the South 0-5 behind on aggregate in this second-leg tie, but they pulled one back when Rangers' Craig Patterson headed into his own net.

McKinnon restored the advantage for the Ibrox side and Cooper and McCoist added late goals to make the match score 4-1.

Mitchell has scored eight goals in 13 games for Australia. He also scored two goals in 14 games for the Australian youth team.

National League standings

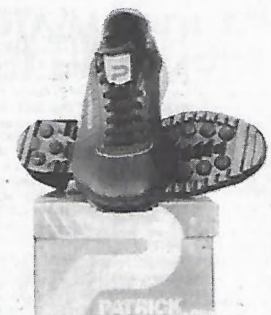
Last week's standings in brackets.

		HOME					AWAY					Gls	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1.	(1) Preston Makedonia	8	2	1	22	11	4	5	2	13	9	35:20	43
2.	(2) Sydney City Hakoah	7	4	0	18	6	4	3	4	12	16	30:22	40
3.	(3) Newcastle KB United	6	3	3	18	7	5	1	4	19	12	37:19	37
4.	(4) St George Budapest	5	4	1	12	7	4	4	4	15	13	27:20	35
5.	(5) South Melbourne Hellas	4	3	4	14	14	5	2	4	16	15	30:29	32
6.	(6) Brisbane City	4	5	2	17	15	4	3	4	11	17	28:32	32
7.	(7) APIA-Leichhardt	7	2	2	22	9	9	2	2	7	18	34:27	31
8.	(8) Sydney Olympic	5	2	4	17	12	4	2	5	13	12	30:24	31
9.	(9) Marconi-Fairfield	5	3	3	20	16	3	4	4	15	14	35:20	30
10.	(10) Canberra Arrows	6	3	2	23	11	2	1	8	12	25	35:36	28
11.	(11) Adelaide City Juventus	5	2	5	13	12	3	2	6	13	15	26:27	28
12.	(12) Footscray JUST	5	3	3	14	18	2	4	5	6	15	26:33	28
13.	(13) West Adelaide Hellas	4	4	4	13	15	1	5	4	4	11	17:26	24
14.	(14) Heidelberg-Alexander	5	2	4	14	11	0	6	5	7	19	21:30	23
15.	(15) Brisbane Lions	5	1	5	19	17	0	4	7	8	26	27:43	20
16.	(16) Wollongong	0	7	3	13	16	2	3	7	17	27	30:34	17

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72 goals for Jamie Paton

Foots JUST 3
Wollongong 1

Scorers: 0-1 Cotton 10m, 1-1 Paton 44m, 2-1 Paton 55m, 3-1 Paton 58m.
Ground: Schindler Reserve
Attendance: 1500 (estimated)

Referee: Evan Venios 7
Cautions: Gaffney, Dunleavy, Cotton, Willis.

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8; Curovic 8, Kyriakoulas 9, Tutill 8, O'Donnell 8; Taylor 8, McDowell 8, Belic 8; Paton 9, Carroll 8, Purdie 8 (Lucic 69m).
Coach: Bobby McLachlan.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff 7; Willis 7, Dunleavy 7, Viletsa 6, Fleming 6; Gaffney 6, Ainsworth 6, Kerr 6; Cotton 8, Dickson 6, O'Connor 6. Coach: Willie Wallace.



Peter Desira

Jeff Ainsworth put the striker through, intercepting a poor pass from Paton, and Cotton sent a shot just inside the far post past the sprawling Boland to record his ninth goal of the season.

"That goal was the best thing that happened to us. We had started off badly but we stepped up our marking after that and the fighting spirit returned," JUST coach Bobby McLachlan said.

The victory stretched JUST's unbeaten run to eight matches, eclipsing Hellas's revival, which has been given far more prominence.

Zdravko Lujic came on as substitute and added width to the attack on the left flank after returning from a hamstring injury.

And captain Igor Hazabent will come back into contention for a team spot this week after apparently resolving his work commitments which have prevented him from training mid-week.

So with competition for team places fierce and with the spirit among the squad sky high, the target for a final placing in the top half of the table is a distinct possibility.

In Wollongong's case, the three goals conceded means the side has the worst "goals-against" record in the league — its average is almost two goals against per game.

It's just as well there will be no relegation at the end of the season.

One of Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos' pet hates is owning up to mistakes.

But he already willingly has conceded to Ziki Karic, his counterpart from JUST, the biggest error he made this year was to let Jamie Paton leave the club.

So it's just as well that Gouloupoulos was not at Schindler Reserve on Sunday, for he might have ended up tearing out his neatly-parted hair watching Paton return to his deadliest around the six-yard box to notch up a hat-trick while the Bergers were once again frittering away chances galore against St George.

Paton has taken on a new lease of life at JUST, establishing a good understanding with Joe Carroll and regaining the old sniffer instinct that had landed him a total of 63 goals in six years in Australia for Prahran Slavia and 42 for Heidelberg. His total, including the nine for JUST, now is 72.

On Sunday his exploits were single handedly responsible for JUST notching three goals in a game for the first time this season.

He grabbed his first on the stroke of half time, following a good break and an equally good cross from Ken Taylor on the right flank. Ian Purdie got a touch but stumbled and recovered sight of the ball only as Paton swooped in to whip it into the net from close range.

For his second, Paton took advantage of total confusion between central defenders Chris Dunleavy and Ray Viletsa, who completely misjudged a long sweeping goal-kick from Dennis Boland, to nip in and slot the ball into an empty net with keeper Natch Vardareff hopelessly stranded in no-man's land.

The third came five minutes from the end, again from a cross, this time supplied by Brian O'Donnell, and this time finishing off the work of Carroll who hamboozled the Wolves defenders to weave his way around the box, then supply the pass for Paton to hammer home again from inside the six-yard area.

There could have been a fourth in the final minute when Vardareff could only parry Paton's shot from the right. The ball fell for Vlatko Belic who needed only to side-foot it home but instead tried to blast it and succeeded only in ballooning it over the bar.

The scoring chances emphasised JUST's superiority over an ordinary Wollongong side, with an uncertain defence, a midfield with little fighting spirit, and an attack that doesn't function unless Phil O'Connor is in form.

The Soccerero winger was subdued totally by Suleiman Curovic, who gave a much more disciplined display than the previous week against Heidelberg, and so it was left to Roy Cotton to provide the few attacking moves the Wolves could muster.

Yet it should have been oh so different after a brilliant start in which Wollongong unsettled JUST's rhythm and then had the team rattled with Cotton's 10th minute goal.



Oscar Crino of Hellas rises above Juventus defender Phil Cole to win an aerial duel. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Banfield, Flounders kill Hellas attack



Meno Tousidis

Adel. City 1
SM-Hellas 0

Scorer: Banfield 34th, penalty.

Ground: Olympic Sports Field

Crowd: 2300

Cautions: Blair, Flounders (AC), Crino, Russell (SM)

Referee: Jim Ross

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 8 — Shillabeer 7, Flounders 9, Banfield 9, Cole 8 — Dods 7, Melia 7, Blair 8 — Mullen 6, Rankin 6, Villani 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 6, Xanthopoulos 7, Blair 7, Yzen-doun 7 — Murphy 7, Crino 8, Halford 8, Davidson — Brown 6, Egan 7.

Adelaide Juventus killed off Hellas' NSL title hopes with a marvellous 1-0 win at Olympic Sports Field.

Hellas came into this match searching for its fifth straight win, but a 34th minute Neil Banfield penalty kick was all Juventus needed to send Len McKendry's men back home pointlessly.

Hellas began the match confidently, although their defence had a let-off in the first 10 seconds when Peter Rankin came so close to scoring.



Arthur Xanthopoulos (left) of Hellas confronts Juventus defender Neville Flounders, but he has support from team-mate Steve Blair (right).

But once Juventus settled down they played some magnificent soccer, just as they did the previous week in triumphing 2-0 over West Adelaide on the same ground.

Quite simply, Juventus was just too classy for Hellas.

The defence was immaculate. Neil Banfield and Neville Flounders formed a formidable barrier to Hellas' Doug Brown and Charlie Egan.

Brown was quite disappointing, though he had some nice touches, but unfortunately back-heels and flicks only come off when you are leading.

Egan was a menace all day and the diminutive striker did not stop running.

Hellas lifted after the break while at the same time Juventus began to lose their cool. But Banfield and Flounders did not let up at all and that I suppose was the main reason why Juve held on.

Hellas carved out the only two major chances of the second half — both in the last 15 minutes.

First Carl Halford struck a magnificent drive from inside the penalty area but Egan, who had set him up, got in the way and the ball cannonned into him.

And five minutes from the end, Ken Murphy unleashed one of those celebrated right foot blasts which goalkeeper Willie McNally tipped over the bar with some difficulty.

Even though Hellas dominated the second half, they did not produce the soccer which has marked their staggering climb from 13th spot which they occupied as recently as July 24.

Oscar Crino, Ken Murphy and Halford had their moments in the midfield which was generally ruled by the Juventus trio of Melia, Blair and Dods.

Juventus travels to Sydney to confront St George on Sunday and even though the Saints thrashed Heidelberg, I'm tipping Juve will take the points.

They are playing so well that a top-four spot is not beyond them, though it should be remembered they have played one game more than the other teams, excluding Wollongong whom they played while the NSL was suspended for the English tour.

Skeen stops Bergers, Marton does damage

Heidelberg 1
St George 4

Scorers: 0-1 Barton 18th, 1-1 Campbell 27th, 2-1 Wilkinson 38th, 1-3 Petkovski 41st, 1-4 Marton 52nd.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: about 2000.
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.

Cautions: Macleod (H), Barton (StG), Tansey (H).
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Kardamitis 5 — McKie 7, Yankos 7, Macleod 6, Tansey 8 — Selemidis 5, Spanos 7, Petersen 6 (Toro 62nd) — Cole 6, Campbell 6, Lea 8. Coach: Ken Marton.

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 8 — Skeen 9, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 8 — Petkovski 7, J. O'Shea 6, Barton 6 (inj. sub. Stone 88th) — Slater 8, Marton 9, Wilkinson 7. Coach: Frank Ark.

This was St George's biggest victory and Heidelberg's biggest defeat of the season. It leaves St George with an outside chance of catching league leader Makedonia, and Heidelberg with the unbeatable record of having won only one of its past 11 matches.

Vying for league leadership early in the year, Heidelberg was in third last position, and in need of a few new players particularly since forward Derek Lea is said to be returning to the U.K. at the end of the year.

Dez Marton and David Skeen were the stars of St George, while Jim Tansey was the only Heidelberg player to stand out.

Skeen beat everyone who came near him in defence, and Marton, shaking off all opposi-



Laurie Schwab

tion, was back at his most brilliant best, setting up a goal for Paul Wilkinson with a cut-back cross to the far post, and scoring on himself eight minutes from the end, with a bit of help from Robbie Slater.

But Heidelberg was well in the game after Jim Campbell had equalised with his 50th NSL goal in the 21st minute.

Mark Barton had put St George into the lead latching onto the ball a long way out after a corner by Marton had been cleared, and slamming a dipping shot over Spiro Kardamitis' just under the crossbar.

St George had been superior from the start, but Campbell's goal gave the Heidelberg fans new hope.

Lea was playing very well in attack, and a long shot by Mike Petersen, tested Budapest's brilliant goalkeeper Terry Greedy — by far the best custodian in the country.

But when Marton angled back his cross in the 38th minute, Paul Wilkinson was completely unmarked at the far post, and had the easiest of tasks in heading past Kardamitis for goal No. 2.

Peter Petkovski, playing in midfield, moved forward to score his third goal in four matches only three minutes later.

Just before half time, Heidelberg came close to fighting back once more. A shot by Gary Cole was punched away by Greedy, who fell to the ground in the process. Campbell picked up the loose ball and aimed at the empty net but Greedy snapped to his feet and flew acrobatically to save Campbell's shot, leaving the half-time score 3-1.

Toro replaced Petersen in the 62nd minute, and Heidelberg attacked with a lot of determination. St George however, was much too strong and well-organised in defence, where Skeen continued to shine, and David Ratcliffe swept up efficiently.

With everyone pushing forward, the danger of a St George breakthrough was ever-present.

It finally came in the 82nd minute, and predictably, it was engineered by Marton. The old fox speared a through pass down the wing



Mark Barton — scored Budapest's first goal

for Slater, and continued running through the middle, waiting for the return ball. Goalkeeper Kardamitis failed to get between Slater and Marton, who reached the ball ahead of the goalkeeper and put it away from close range.

Barton was injured late in the match and replaced by Peter Stone.

During injury time Lea twice came within a whisker of scoring, first on a flick-on from Cole, then on a cross from Ian McKie. So good were those chances that the final scorers — Incredible as it may sound — could have read 4-3 after those final seconds.

Hakoah midfield poor

Sydney City 0
West Adel 0

ROGER DEWICK

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field

Crowd: 589

Referee: K. Small 7

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Pezzano 7, Souness 5, Cant 5, Robertson 8, O'Connor 6, Gomez 5, Barnes 5, De Magny 7, Watson 7, Kosmina 6, Murray 5.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sprout 6, Xanthopoulos 5, Dunne 7, Hiern 7, McGregor 7, Atsals 6, Brennan 5, Doorne 5, Stamatoopoulos 5, Heys 8, Brown 5.

It was just as well the crowd was small. The cries of "What a load of rubbish" were not heard by too many but were fully justified.

Hakoah can thank Tony Pezzano for even taking a point. The best chance of the day fell

to Graham Heys in the 56th minute but his volley struck shot from less than 10 metres was blocked by the alert Pezzano.

Apart from that, with few exceptions, it was a non-event. Certainly Martyn Crook was alert and aggressive on four or five occasions when he punched clear but few others showed his alertness.

Hakoah is an ordinary team when it has no effective midfield and without Paul Kay and Nello Borges it had no mid-field at all.

Why Eddie Thomson persists with Ian Souness as a full back (where he is not functioning effectively) when his drive and distribution ability are so desperately needed further forward, remains a complete mystery.

In terms of scoring chances, Hakoah beat Wests 10-2.

But without the weight being taken from John Kosmina's shoulders, Hakoah's scoring ability looks thin.

Brenton Hiern, 18, effectively controlled Kosmina but things might have been different had Hakoah had a big target man (David Mitchell — where are you?)

As usual Heys kept on the move all the time but generally ran out of support when most needed and Joe Watson was placed in a similar situation.

Acres of space could be devoted to spelling out all the elementary mistakes from both sides but that would perhaps be a little unfair. It may be kinder to suggest that both can play better and have so often in the past.

Hakoah's Harry Lakmaker dies

By ANDREW DETTRE

One of the best known and most experienced soccer administrators, Harry Lakmaker (pictured) died in Sydney last Saturday at the age of 61, after a heart attack.

He was treasurer of the National League and a member of several ASF subcommittees.

Born in Holland, Lakmaker came to Sydney in the late 1940s and played for a Dutch-based team, Hollandia.

Later, after the name of the club was forcibly changed to Sydney Austral, Lakmaker became the club's secretary.

He took an active part in the reform movement of 1956 which led to the formation of the NSW Federation and was its treasurer for many years.

When Sydney Austral was disbanded, he joined the Hakoah Club where he served as a co-opted director and also one of the managers of the soccer team.

Earlier this year,



when Hakoah decided to withdraw its team, Sydney City, from the NSL, Lakmaker was one of several men campaigning successfully, to have the decision reversed.

Having been involved in Australian soccer continuously since about 1948, Harry Lakmaker had an enormous accumulated knowledge about the game.

Always a quiet, polite and considerate man, he was one of those rareties in Australian soccer who had hardly any enemies, only friends.

His death will make Australian soccer a great deal poorer.

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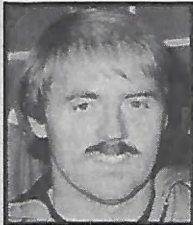
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National League round-up

HOSZOWSKI, WILSON WIE FOR HONORS



Peter Ollerton

Canberra 0 Makedonia 1

Goal: Ollerton
Venue: Bruce Stadium
MADEDONIA: Wilson, 8, Opatin, 7, Petrovski, 7, Ilioski, 7, Jones, 7, Todorovski, 7, Campbell, 8, Elvold, 7, Farrell, 7, Odzakov, 8, Ollerton, 8.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski, 8, Ambrosino, 8, Young, 7, Murray, 7, Walsh, 7, Gibson, 7, Bryant, 8, Stone, 7, Farina, 7, Redmond, 7, Brenner, 65th, 7, MacLaren, 7.

Ref: H. Wilkinson, 7.
Crowd: 1,875
Cautions: Wilson and Stone.

Big Peter Ollerton, leg-weary but game-wary, was Makedonia's hero as he scored the solitary goal against Canberra — a goal that increased Makedonia's lead at the top of the NSL.

Canberra did by far the greater amount of pressing — particularly in the last 15 minutes — but Makedonia was



Peter Windsor

always creative and dangerous on the break.

Constantly Canberra's use of the high ball enabled Makedonia's big midfield and back-line to dominate in the air.

But really Makedonia didn't look like out-and-away NSL front-runners.

Perhaps their secret lies in Peter Ollerton's summation of the game. "Consistency is what today's NSL is all about."

"And we are consistent. Last weekend's aberration apart, we rarely give much away at the back and we take our chances."

"Today we should have had the game won by half-time. We created the chances but squandered several."

"Only once did Canberra really beat the defence — and that was late in the game."

That's true, and it came when front-runner Don MacLaren burst through on the left flank and tried a close-range ground shot which was brilliantly saved by Wilson.

Wilson, ex-Canberra, had one of his best games of the season.

So too did Canberra's goalkeeper, Steve Hoszowski, and remember that it was these two goalkeepers who used to fight hard to gain a regular first team spot with Canberra.

Hoszowski pulled off two superb saves when goals looked certain — particularly in the second half with shots from Zarko Odzakov and George Campbell.

Tragically for Canberra Ollerton's match — winner came from a defensive blunder, the only real blunder of the game.

A headed clearance found the big fellow well positioned on the edge of the box and he brushed aside Canberra's Andrew Young and placed his shot well wide of Hoszowski.

Then Canberra pressed incessantly but Makedonia's defence showed why it has one of the best records of the competition.

But this wasn't a game that Canberra should have lost. A draw would have been eminently fair.

Canberra's forward line, the same that crashed against Newcastle the week before, just didn't look sufficiently goal hungry.

And it's hard to say whether big Tony Brennan has regained all of his old form. He replaced Phil Redmond in the 65th minute and while he was on I thought he showed something like total commitment — and the rest and determination which traditionally have been associated with Brennan.

But this game? From Canberra's spectators' point of view it was nail-biting. The suspense was incredible. And Canberra did try — desperately — for the equaliser but just didn't pull it off.

Yet no-one but no-one can accuse the players of not at least giving total effort.

APIA hits back but Wright on way up

Brisb. Lions 1 APIA 1

Scorers, BL: Wright 64th;
APIA: Morsello 85th.
Caution: Wright (BL)
Venue: Richlands Stadium.

Crowd — about 1000.
Referee: Gordon Nicholson 5.

LIONS: Beves 6, McClurg 7, Vincent 8, Vasquez 8, Niven 7, R. Stewart 6, J. Stewart 8, Ogden 7 (Anderson 63rd), Hogg 7, Daunt 6, Wright 8.

APIA: Parkes 7, Carter 7, Brown 6, Bartogna 8, Mariani 7, Butler 6, Bradley 8, Gray 8, Morsello 7, P. Tredinnick 8, De Ceglie 6.

Brisbane Lions striker Danny Wright is set to become one of the hottest properties in Australia when his contract with the club expires at the end of this season.

Wright has hit a purple patch and has been praised by a number of coaches, including Sydney City's Eddie Thomson and Brisbane City's Jim Hermiston.

And the red-haired centre forward impressed everyone, and no doubt APIA's Fil Bottaico, with his fine individual goal at Richlands.

Wright got a flick from substitute Clark Anderson, his first touch of the ball, and made a speedy break down the right flank. Wright



Ricky Rosso

cut into the penalty box but was forced to the byline by APIA's cover defence of Mark Brown and Bertie Mariani.

Where most players would have gone for the corner kick by blasting the ball onto their opponents' legs, Wright proceeded to weave, turn and jostle his way around the APIA pair to give himself a narrow but clear sight at goal.

With little more than the width of the ball open to him between APIA keeper Rob Parkes and the upright, Wright brilliantly squeezed his shot into the goal.

After playing for several seasons in a team which has achieved very little, the glamor of a top Sydney of Melbourne side must appeal to Wright, although the youngster seems to be content at Lions.

At this stage I am happy at Lions and it doesn't matter where the team is on the table, I try to apply myself as best I can. There haven't been any southern offers yet, so until there are I won't

think about moving," Wright said.

Lions obviously didn't count on the fighting comeback by APIA, who were playing without Peter Sharpe, who was reportedly sick.

After being unlucky not to get a penalty and a goal in the first half, APIA stormed home in the final 10 minutes to snatch the equaliser.

APIA felt they were robbed of a penalty in the 24th minute, first on a handball by Robn Vincent, then seconds later for a tackle on Ian Gray. Then APIA had scored through Robert de Ceglie in the 38th minute, but his header after a mistake by young Lions keeper Brett Beves went onto the crossbar and Beves caught the rebound.

Tony Morsello put a shot onto the upright a minute before the break.

Lions coach Simon Kistemaker gave his team a half-time blasting and the Brisbane side was much more committed in the opening part of the second half.

But just as Lions seemed to have the match in their keeping the tireless efforts of Bradley and Peter Tredinnick began to pay off.

Quick passing through the APIA Midfield and sensible running up front opened up the Lions defence. Beves saved a shot by Bradley that seemed certain to go in the net then Morsello headed the equaliser from a Tredinnick cross.

Wind plays the game, Kirby a little lucky

Marconi 1 Newcastle 1

Goals: Kirby 31st min, Brown 41st min.
Venue: Marconi Stadium.
Crowd: 3272.

Referee: Doug Rennie.
Cautions: Mountford, Kirby.
MARCONI: James 7, Djordjevic 7, Henderson 7, Budini 6, Bozanic 7, Sermanni 6, McCulloch 6, Carbone 6, Wins 5, Brown 5, Licata 7 (Jankovics). Coach: Doug Collins.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling 7, Maor 6, Watson 7, Burke 7, H. Tredinnick 6, Senkalski 7, Mason 8, Kirby 5, Mountford 5, Lowe 6, Jones 5, (Buckley 76th min.). Coach: Ken Kaiser.

This was a frustrating match for most players and the vast majority of fans, played in a swirling wind, mainly in midfield.

Both teams performed better against the wind — a common enough phenomenon with modestly endowed players who fail to carry built-in wind gauges.

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Newcastle was the more impressive in the opening half

Yugo 'no'

Yugoslavia has withdrawn its offer to stage the 1990 World Cup, the Yugoslav Football Federation announced last week.

The Yugoslavs made the offer seven years ago when they were enjoying an economic boom. But harder times since have made it impossible for the country to invest the 30 million dollars needed to build new stadiums.

"We shall leave it for some better times in the future," a Yugoslav Soccer Federation official said.

In February next year Yugoslavia will be the first Communist country to stage the winter Olympics.

NSL team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week.

WISHART (4)
(Brisb. City)

SKEEN (4)
(St. George)

BANFIELD (4)
(Adel. City)

FLOUNDERS (2)
(Adel. City)

KYRIAKOULEAS (3)
(JUST)

MASON (3)
(Newcastle)

MARTON (1)
(St. George)

P. TREDINNICK (3)
(APIA)

WRIGHT (4)
(Brisb. Lions)

PATON (2)
(JUST)

HEYS (3)
(West Adel.)

Andrew Dettre

hour, confidently stringing some passes together, mainly through the promptings of Mason and Senkalski.

Marconi was strangely defensive, even Attilio Carbone was pulled back to form a defensive line of five, probably to negate the absence of regulars Calderon and Rizzotto.

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Syd Olympic 0 Brisb City 3

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Crowd: 3350

Referee: R. Lorenc 9
Scorers: Fabrizio (38) Bromfield (57) Williamson (78).

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Perhaps Olympic should have packed up there and then and not leave it until midway through the second half.

Boos for referee Richard Lorenc in the 16th minute as he indicated a dive by Soper instead of an apparent trip by Liddell six metres from goal.

But all the wishful thinking in the world does not score goals. It requires method, creativity and teamwork and honest endeavour — all of which were in short supply for Olympic.

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And that's the ball game. More pressure without direction or purpose from Olympic with the non-existent midfield and unsound defence, another break and Williamson nods home the third goal.

Good luck to City who took their chances — but what has happened to the dedication and enthusiasm of Olympic?

Fabrizio starts it, Wishart brilliant

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HELLAS—SEVEN TITLES: AND NOW THE CUP?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

South Melbourne Hellas shared with Juventus the honor of having won the most championships in the history of top grade soccer in Victoria. South Melbourne has won seven titles in top company: in 1962, '64, '65, '66, '72, '74 and '76.

Now Hellas is trying to win its first NSL title and the National Cup.

The major factors in Hellas's success have been strong spectator support, the flow of funds that results from such support and a constant supply of top-class players, especially forwards. Star forwards who have worn the club's colours over the years include: Con Nestorides, Jim Armstrong, Chris Georgiou, John Margaritis, Dave Gorrie, Mike Mandalis, Leo Damianakos, Jim Adam, John Ander-



Boulis Kamberopoulos

son, Tony Karagiannis, Ulysses Kokkinos, Ernie Ackerley, Tony Hatzieleftheriou, Jimmy Pyrgolios, Peter Ollerton, John Bedford who switched to defence later in his career, Alan Evans, ex-Liverpool, and current striker Charlie Egan, winner of the 1981 Victorian Rothmans Medal.

South Melbourne was formed late in 1959 by the amalgamation of Hellenic and Yarra Park. But the new club had no ground so a few months later it linked up with South Melbourne United which used Middle Park. The driving force behind the amalgamation was Theo Marmaras, then president of Hellenic. Mr Marmaras went on to become South Melbourne's longest-serving president, chairman and president of the Victorian Soccer Federation and a leading official in the Australian Soccer Federation.

Of the three clubs that formed the South Melbourne of today, South Melbourne United was the oldest. Records show that in 1933 a Royal Caledonians-South Melbourne United combination won the Harry Armstrong Cup for reserve teams. Yarra Park and Hellenic both had unsuccessful seasons in the State League. Hellenic finishing second last in 1958 and Yarra Park last in 1959. South Melbourne United never got higher than First Division.

The records of each of the three clubs from 1955 to 1959 were:

HELLENIC: second to Wilhelmina in Third Division, 1955; third in Second Division behind Wilhelmina and Geelong, 1956; second to George Cross in Second Division, 1957; second last in State League, 1958; second last in First Division North, 1959.

YARRA PARK: third behind Brunswick and Croatia, Metropolitan South, 1955; champion of Metropolitan South, 1956; champion of First Division South, 1958; champion of First Division South, 1959.

SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED: third behind Slavia and Prahran in Second Division South, 1955; fifth in Second Division, 1956; third behind George Cross and Hellenic in Second Division, 1957; second to Yarra Park in First Division South, 1958; fourth in First Division, 1959. Yarra Park's 1959 season was a disaster. Suffering defeats of 0-13 to J.U.S.T., 0-12 to Wilhelmina and Slavia and 0-8 to Hakoah and Moreland, it won only one game and finished with a points total of four... seven behind Geelong.

Manny Poulakakis came from Egypt to coach South Melbourne in 1962 and he led the club to its first State League championship.

In 1963 South Melbourne recruited Victorian representative Tommy Anderson from George Cross and John Anderson from Hakoah. Tommy Anderson now is a prominent soccer writer. But despite these star recruits, the season was not a successful one, with South Melbourne finishing sixth behind J.U.S.T., Polonia, George Cross, Slavia and Wilhelmina.

Success almost came in the pre-season



South Melbourne Hellas' 1976 State League champion team. Back row: Mike Pye, Lou Tsigaris, Gary Groenewald, Howard Andros, Jim Mackay, Jim Armstrong, Steve Walker, John Kennedy, club official. Front row: John Daperis, Peter Bourne, Arthur Xanthopoulos, Duncan Cummings, Giovanni Batticciotto, Peter Ollerton, Chris Kalfatis.

1960, its first year of competition, South Melbourne Hellas won the First Division North championship by an incredible 12 points. The club was undefeated that year drawing only once—3-3 with Corio. It collected 35 points and scored 79 goals to 11. Its players that season included George Papadopoulos, Peter Tzoumis, Chris Pikoulas, John Margaritis, Savas Salambasidis (ex-Panathinaikos), Harry Vamvakas, Tony Karagiannis, Jim Mantarakis, John Hadzigeorgiou, Chris Georgiou and Stefan Fortunatos. South Melbourne had so much talent that year that it also won the reserve grade from Coburg and Sunshine City and reached the semi-finals of the under 18 J. J. Liston Cup before being beaten by the strong North Sunshine 8-2. South Melbourne also reached the semi-finals of the Dockerty Cup and Armstrong Cup, before going down 0-2 and 0-3 to Hakoah in the respective competitions.

The following year, 1961, Hellas managed fifth place in the State League which was a good result at its first attempt. The ladder in order that year, was: Polonia, George Cross, Wilhelmina, Hakoah, South Melbourne, Slavia, J.U.S.T., Melbourne, Juventus, Moreland, Richmond and Box Hill. In the Armstrong Cup, South Melbourne lost the semi-final 1-4 to Wilhelmina which went on to win the trophy.

Manny Poulakakis came from Egypt to coach South Melbourne in 1962 and he led the club to its first State League championship.

In 1963 South Melbourne recruited Victorian representative Tommy Anderson from George Cross and John Anderson from Hakoah. Tommy Anderson now is a prominent soccer writer. But despite these star recruits, the season was not a successful one, with South Melbourne finishing sixth behind J.U.S.T., Polonia, George Cross, Slavia and Wilhelmina.

Success almost came in the pre-season



Con Nestorides

Ampol Cup competition where Polonia beat South Melbourne 1-0 in the final. John Margaritis was top scorer that season with seven but he was way behind the league's top marksman Eddy Jankowski of Polonia who scored 21. More great players were recruited in 1964 and South Melbourne returned to winning form. Andreas Roussis from Greek First Division club Apollon moved into the team at centre-half. Peter Tsitos took over in goal and won State selection and winger Jim Adam became one of the club's all-time greats. Ernie Ackerley also joined that year. He played two senior games with Manchester United before moving to Blackpool and finally to Fourth Division club Barrow before coming to Australia. Fitzroy-Alexander's goal keeper Sam Service (who later went to West Adelaide) switched to Hellas and winger Jimmy Pyrgolios was imported from Panathinaikos.

With the reinforcements came another championship. This time Hellas won from George Cross, J.U.S.T. and Juventus. In the Dockerty Cup, the club was again



Ulysses Kokkinos

beaten in the semi-finals, this time by Slavia, 2-1 after extra time. A clearance finally arrived for winger Leo Damianakos of Greek Second Division club Kalamata in 1965. Damianakos had arrived the previous year but had sat on the bench for the entire season. The 1965 team was made up of John Anderson, John Bedford, Stratos Kalageros, Andreas Roussis, Sam Service, John Margaritis, Jim Pyrgolios, Boulis Kamberopoulos, Ernie Ackerley, Mike Mandalis and Leo Damianakos.

Con Nestorides was the greatest centre-forward Greece produced since the war and he starred with Greek national team and with AEK. When he joined Hellas at the age of 37 in 1966, crowds doubled immediately. With Nestorides captain-coach and with David Kelly and Victorian representative David High joining from Slavia, South Melbourne again won the championship this time finishing two points clear of Slavia with Hakoah and Melbourne in third and fourth positions.

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Hellas great, striker Ernie Ackerley (left) is foiled with this sliding attempt at goal by the George Cross keeper.

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Len McKendry

Only the start

The revival of the South Melbourne Hellas team has come about through improved player performances within the organisational framework established by Len McKendry, who replaced Rale Rasic as coach on Tuesday, June 28 this year.

"When all's said and done, it's the players, the lads out there on the field, who win games for you," said McKendry, the former Victorian Director of Coaching, State team coach, and Heidelberg, Melbourne Croatia and Green Gully Ajax coach.

"We've improved out of sight recently, but I want to stress that recent results are simply examples of the birth of a team. I put the media ballyhoo about championships and Cups right out of my mind. I've tried to give the team a method of play and to settle most positions in the side. Look, we haven't done anything yet. We're just starting."

McKendry is the man who gave credibility to the performances of the Victorian State team, the only coach to be involved in the winning of an NSL honor by a Melbourne-based club (Heidelberg's top four success in 1980) and the man who coached Green Gully Ajax to a staggering 5-0 Ampol Cup final win this year against Heidelberg Alexander, accounting for Hellas 2-0 along the way.



South Melbourne Hellas. Back row: Arthur Xanthopoulos, Alan Davidson, Bobby Russell, Ken Murphy, Doug Brown. Front row: Charlie Egan, John Yzendoorn, Steve Wooddin, Carl He Laumets, Oscar Crino. Inset: Branko Buljevic. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Great coaches, great players, a legacy of success

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However, the appointment of top coach Lou Brocic, who was later to coach Kuwait's national team, paid off and Hellas finished in third place behind Croatia and Polonia and won the 1989 Ampol Cup by beating Croatia 2-1 with Frank Micic scoring the first goal and Damianakos converting a penalty. Micic, the long-serving J.U.S.T. star had switched to South Melbourne but was to return to J.U.S.T. after only one year. Another five Greek imports came in 1989 and again the committee was to regret it. Tavlas played one and a half games, and Kalogirou made a few appearances, but Asimomitis, Panagiotou and Panagiotopoulos were not good enough. All five returned to Greece at the end of the season. South Melbourne finished in seventh place with only 21 points, behind Footscray, J.U.S.T., Juventus, Wilhelmina, Croatia, Hakoah and Lions.

In 1970, Hellas concentrated its funds on recruiting local players, having learned by its past mistakes. Centre back Steve Walker came from Lions for \$3500 and striker Jimmy Armstrong from Hakoah for \$6000. They went on to become two of South Melbourne's all-time greats. Ulysses Kokkinos returned from Greece where he had gone to try his luck. His return cost South Melbourne \$2000. Goalkeeper Tim Auger, winger Geoff Gould and full back Alan Rutherford, who went on to represent the State, were imported from England. Brocic returned to lead the club to its second successive Ampol Cup victory but he quit soon afterwards, leaving the job to former Polonia and Victoria champion Vic Janczyk. But 1970

was the year of Juventus and South Melbourne had to be content with fifth place.

South Melbourne's bid for the title in 1971 was hampered by the loss of Kokkinos who returned to Greece yet again midway through the season. Kokkinos started 1971 in great style scoring three goals in the Ampol Cup and two in the State team's match against Toyo Kogyo of Japan. Perhaps Kokkinos would have made that one-point difference necessary for South Melbourne to win the title. Making a welcome return to the team after having spent most of the season on the sidelines was Ernie Ackley who scored four valuable goals in the last four games... two of them against Footscray in South Melbourne's 3-2 victory against the 1971 champion Big Tom Clarke, one of the most robust strikers in Australia, also found form towards the end of the season joining Slobodan Zorajic of J.U.S.T. as the only two players to score four in one match that year. Jim Armstrong was South's top scorer with 13. Jim Pyrgolios won the Bill Fleming Medal as Victorian Player of the Year.

New coach Bill Curran, who had done most of his coaching with juniors, introduced two excellent young full backs to the team in 1972, namely Giovanni Battistocci, 16 and Bill Hasapis, 17. Peter Bourne was imported from English club, Burnley, to link up with Ian Marshall in midfield. Bourne and Marshall became key players in the Victorian State team. In his debut for South Melbourne against Juventus in the first round of the 1972 Ampol Cup, Bourne scored one of his team's three goals and was best man on the field. However, South Mel-



John Bedford

bourne had an unsettled team during the Ampol Cup and finished second last in its group. George Cross, with John Gardiner in superb form, led the league for most of the 1972 season. However, Jim Armstrong was scoring goals in first place. Bourne and Marshall were brilliant in midfield, Bedford and Walker were impassable in defence. South Melbourne stayed with George Cross all the way and finally in the 21st round took over in first place. It managed only a scoreless draw with Juventus in the last round while George Cross beat Austria 2-1. This left the top two clubs tied on 35 points each but South Melbourne took the title on goal difference. Armstrong, with 17 goals, was top scorer in the league and Bourne finished runner-up to John Gardiner in the Rothmans Medal voting.

In 1973, one of Victoria's foremost forwards, Bill McIntyre, switched to South Melbourne after Croatia the club he had served for

so long was expelled from the V.S.F. Nat Little, a promising young forward from Altona City, also was tried out. But South Melbourne again fared badly in the pre-season Ampol Cup, losing all three of its group matches. Andy Bozinas, who later was to move to Heidelberg United, started his senior career that year. After 21 rounds, George Cross and South Melbourne were tied on 29 points with George Cross ahead on goal average. Both clubs won their last-round matches as well but J.U.S.T. had two games in hand. It won both - 1-0 against Juventus and 2-1 against Melbourne to win the title by one point.

But Hellas broke its run of bad luck to clinch the title in 1974. Young Arthur Xanthopoulos had by now established himself, and new men in the team were Andy Savage from Scotland, Nick Nechvogel from Adelaide, Kokkinos, who was back for yet another stint and occasionally Ron Smith who was later to become Victorian Director of Coaching and assistant national coach. With Armstrong scoring regularly and Bourne dominating the midfield, South Melbourne led the field for most of the season to win the championship with 33 points, four more than runner-up George Cross with J.U.S.T. third and Heidelberg United fourth.

Armstrong, with 22 goals, was top scorer in the league. The great Jimmy Mackay joined South Melbourne from Hakoah Sydney in 1975, and Chris Kalafatis stepped up from the reserves to take a place in defence. South Melbourne reached the Ampol Cup final only to be beaten 1-0 by J.U.S.T., and Armstrong, with five goals, was equal top-scorer of the series. After the Cup, rightback Mike Pye

transferred to South from Wilhelmina. Paul Murphy, who had been runner-up to Armstrong in the 1974 goalscorers' stakes, was recruited from George Cross after South Melbourne's poor start to the 1975 league season. Howard Andrews from South Africa was another newcomer. Murphy failed to reproduce the goalscoring form he had shown at George Cross but South Melbourne managed to improve nevertheless. But the improvement was insufficient and Hellas had to be content with second place behind Heidelberg United (then called Alexander) and coached by former South boss Manny Poulakakis.

However, there was consolation in the Dockery Cup which South Melbourne won for the second year running. In 1974 it had beaten Wilhelmina 4-1 in the final with goals by Marshall, Armstrong, Nechvogel and Bourne. In 1975 it won the Cup by beating tenacious Sunshine City 2-1 with a goal by Mackay and a penalty by Armstrong.

Peter Ollerton (\$9000 from APIA) and Duncan Cummings (\$10,000 from Melbourne) were South Melbourne's star recruits early in 1976. Appropriately, the strengthened team started the season by winning the Ampol Cup beating J.U.S.T. 4-1 in the final. Ollerton notched a hat-trick in that match and with a total of seven goals was top scorer of the competition. Margaritis Hageganou established himself as left back during the season and South Melbourne went on to win the championship by a massive nine points from runner-up J.U.S.T. Mooroolbark was third and George Cross fourth. South Melbourne also claimed an unofficial Australian championship after having beaten NSW champion St George



Jim Pyrgolios

in a home and away tie drawing 1-1 in Sydney and winning 2-1 in Melbourne with goals by Kalafatis and Hageganou, a victory inspired by the brilliance of Jimmy Mackay in midfield.

The 1977 season saw the start of the nation-wide Phillips Soccer League. South Melbourne, Footscray, Heidelberg United and Mooroolbark United were among the 14 teams that made up the inaugural competition. South Melbourne transfer-listed champions Steve Walker and Jim Armstrong claiming they were "too old", and it lost Peter Bourne and Jimmy Mackay. This took the backbone out of the team and not even recruits of the calibre of Jack Reilly, Ian Gibson (both from Heidelberg), Billy Rogers (APIA), Chris Kent (Wilhelmina), Anton Dosen (Hakoah), John Gardiner (Essendon Croatia) and Graham French could change that. French had been bought from Mooroolbark because he had been top scorer in the State League in 1976, but he failed

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HELLAS



Anezakis—knew Len was the man!

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

The Leo Anezakis story reads like a script for a Hollywood feature film of the 1950's. You've all heard the one about the battling immigrant who defies all odds to eventually climb to the top of the tree.

The migrant myth of Australia being the promised land hadn't been unmasked when Anezakis arrived here in 1950. Indeed, his tale suggests paradoxically that myth may be couched in an element of reality.

Just one year after Anezakis arrived here from his native Salonika in Greece as a qualified toolmaker with a Diploma in Engineering, he had become the first European to be appointed foreman of the toolmaking department at Ford Australia's Melbourne plant. Four years later he married, bought a farm in Green-



Leo Anezakis

borough, sold it after a further four years, and started his own company, Lanez Engineering Pty. Ltd.

The successful businessman climaxed his success as a soccer club administrator late last year when he was elected to the presidency of South Melbourne Hellas at the Greek giant's annual general meeting.

Anezakis played two trial games with Eraklis Salonika then played with Greek Second Division club Mente between 1955 and 1958. His first Australian club was Yarra Park but he was un-

happy playing in the reserves so he switched to Hellenic to play alongside good friend Alex Nanos. Theo Marmaras was president of Hellenic at the time and when Hellenic, Yarra Park and South Melbourne United amalgamated to form South Melbourne Hellas, Anezakis became a staunch supporter of the new club.

But it took until 1975 for Anezakis to become actively involved in committee affairs. He had taken his eldest son, Emanuel, to Hellas to play in the under-10's. The junior president at that time, George Lekatsas, wanted to resign and he recommended to senior president Sam Papavasas that Anezakis be appointed president of the juniors with Peter Dourios vice-president. Papavasas agreed.

Anezakis was voted onto the senior committee when the National League was formed in 1977 and also took over as team manager. In his long term as team manager, which only ended last year when he became president, he worked alongside six coaches — Manny Pouliakakis, Kostas Xanthopoulos, Dave Maclaren, Duncan Mackay, John Margaritis and Tommy Docherty.

"Pouliakakis is a nice man and he knew a lot about the game. He was a good coach but a bit too soft on the players. And some of his ideas were a bit old-fashioned," said Anezakis.

"The committee asked Manny to resign a few games before the end of the 1978 season and Kostas Xanthopoulos took over as caretaker coach. Then he was very disappointed when the media started talking about Tommy Docherty taking over from him. He was too proud a man to work as an assistant to anyone, let alone someone with the reputation of Docherty. If Hellas wanted to get rid of John Margaritis then he should have been told to his face. Someone on the committee simply didn't have the guts to tell John and used the papers to prepare him for the chop. Don't get me wrong. John had to go. He'd been there for a few years and he had lost control with some of the players. Jim Shirra, John Stevenson, Bertie Lutton and Grant Turner were giving John a hard time which didn't help his situation.

"At Hellas, if you can't discipline the players then you're putting your head on the chopping block. Players don't sabotage the coach. He finishes himself off, if he can't control the players.

"I had a few arguments with Docherty but so what. I had a great time as team manager while he was there. I really enjoyed his company and I still do. Every time we play Olympic up in Sydney he always makes me feel very welcome. He's a great character. And he can win games for you too. Make no mistake about that. I think he left Hellas because he didn't like Melbourne that much. Most of his friends are in Sydney. There were a few people at Hellas who didn't understand the man and that didn't help him to settle in here."

There also were a few people on the Hellas committee who didn't understand Leo Anezakis last year. He was blamed by some committeemen for the team's lack of success, a slur which forced him to resign after the last NSL match of 1982.

"I was disappointed at the whole team performance last year. Then some people on the committee started blaming me. I resigned but the club didn't tell the newspapers so, in the end, I had to send a telegram to Sam Papavasas making my resignation official."

However, Papavasas resigned from the presidency of the club last November and along with the bulk of the committee, recommended to the members at the AGM that Anezakis become the new president. Anezakis received a unanimous vote of approval.

"When I took over Rale Rasie already had been appointed as the new coach. He had a big name and I thought that he could do the job. But

\$425,000 THE TOP BUDGET

South Melbourne Hellas' biggest annual turnover since becoming a founder member of the NSL in 1977, was \$425,000 in 1981, the year the team finished second in the league.

Hellas' turnover last year was \$398,000. The reason for the large 1981 figure was the bonus scheme for the players. That scheme gave them incentive money for every week they were on top of the league.

The man with his finger on the financial pulse of the club is George Vassilopoulos, 32, who has been treasurer since 1978. He was an accountant for the Westpac organisation and came to Australia from Kalamata in southern Greece in 1964.

"I played a few games with the Hellas juniors but I never amounted to much. My ambition, after I didn't make it as a player, was to join the committee," said Vassilopoulos.

He remembers the glory days of the great CON Nestoridis, the fabulous Greek striker who packed the terraces when he played for Hellas in the 1960's.

"Then we had huge crowds. The Greeks and the Italians still are here but

they've grown a bit wiser. They won't come unless they know that the standard will be first class.

"My personal opinion is that the NSL should remain as it is — just one league, but get more Melbourne and Sydney teams into the league. Then we'd have more local derbies and that's what we all want to watch."

Vassilopoulos is part of a strong, 15-member committee, under the presidency of Leo Anezakis. Other committee members are:

Nick Sagiakos (secretary); Bill Georgantios (vice-president); George Karageorgiou (vice-president); Chris Kiritsopoulos (assistant secretary); Chris Papas (assistant treasurer and ground manager); Nick Collins (public relations); Simon Karas (assistant public relations); Steve Giannou (social committee president); Peter Dourios (junior president); Chris Kannas; Aris Vassiliadis; Peter Skrapetis; and Peter Koutsoheras.

"after we lost a few games, I changed my mind. I just knew that Len McKendry could do the job. I had heard such good reports about him from players he had coached and I was well aware of his outstanding record with the Victorian state team, Heidelberg and Green Gully. He was the man for the job in my opinion. And all the players respect him. That's very important. He's strict when he has to be but the big thing with him is that when a player asks him what is going wrong with the player's game, Len McKendry can give him the answer. McKendry doesn't just laugh and say to the player that the player is good enough to work it out for himself."

Hellas always has led the big Australian club fraternity in spending soccer, however, it is yet to win an NSL honor.

"Sure, we bought good players but players who had played very well for their previous clubs. We didn't look closely enough at whether or not these players were the right players for Hellas.

"I don't want to start talking about winning the championship this year. Actually, I'll be happy if we finish in the top four. The players think that they will do very well in the Phillips Cup. That's a good sign, but again, I'm not making any silly predictions."

in Victorian soccer

ve to his reputation. And so, the first season of the Phillips Cup South Melbourne finished

an effort to do better in 1978 South Melbourne appointed a new h, Dave Maclaren, from Sydney City. Maclaren in turn reed goalkeeper John Hansen centre-back Stuart Baxter Sweden, Bertie Lutton from Sydney City, Sammy from England, George phell from Scotland, Bobby uinness from Sydney City and noted George Christopoulos the reserves. This resulted in spectable third position on the er behind champion West Adelaide and Sydney City. Fourth Marconi.

April 1979 the Phillips League wrot against the club and was suspended for criticising Hellas in a "Soccer Action" interview. Munro joined Juventus in State League, as did Hellas team mate Mendo Ristovski.

Hellas left the memory of its nightmarish 1979 season well behind by finishing 3rd in the 1980 PSL, reaching the semi-finals of the top four series.

John Stevenson from Sydney City Hakoh and Jim Shirra from Scotland were Hellas' prize recruits for the 1981 season, along with New Zealand international striker Steve Wooddin. And young Socrates Nicolaides, a junior product, was on the verge of establishing himself in the first team.

Hellas finished 2nd in the league, its highest finish to date in the national competition.

Charlie Egan, that will o' the wisp goalscorer, joined Hellas early in 1982, scoring a hat-trick in his first game for the club, against Croydon in the Ampol Cup. Hellas won that match 6-0.

Grant Turner, a hard-hitting, hard-talking midfielder from New Zealand, also joined but returned to NZ part way through the season

after disputes with coach Margaritis and the committee, and indifferent form.

Optimism ran high after Hellas defeated arch rival Heidelberg 2-1 in the Ampol Cup final. Egan nabbed the winner in extra time. Everyone at the club was talking about winning the National League but player unrest and the eventual exit of Margaritis, after Tommy Docherty's appearance, ended any chance of winning the championship. Hellas finished 6th in the league and made an early exit from the Phillips Cup, going down 5-4 on penalties to Heidelberg, the eventual cup runner-up.

Docherty rejoined Sydney Olympic, the team he had coached in 1981, at the end of last season and Rale Rasie was appointed coach for this season. Sam Papavasas stepped down as president to concentrate on his role as NSL chairman. He was replaced as president by Leo Anezakis, the former team manager.

Earlier this season, under Rasie, there again was a feeling of euphoria around the club. Doug Brown was signed from Preston Macedonia, in a swap and cash deal involving George Campbell, Ken Murphy was signed from Melbourne Croatia, Oscar Crino from Tung Sing in Hong Kong, Bobby Russell from Adelaide City and John Zvendrom from Heidelberg.

Hellas was knocked out of the Ampol Cup by Green Gully Ajax, losing 2-0.

Docherty had brought Carl Halford from Frankston City in 1982, and the bustling little midfielder has proved a scoop signing so far this season.

Rasie was sacked by Hellas after a horror stretch of seven successive losses. Len McKendry, the former Victorian Director of Coaching and state team coach, took over with the team in 12th spot on the league ladder.

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● Ajax defender David Hogben (left) celebrates his first State League goal, and what a priceless one it may turn out to be. Ajax's clash with Sunshine-George Cross on Sunday was a fiery affair as shown at right by this sliding tackle on Kit Greechan by combine defender Steve Richardson. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.



HAIL HOGBEN!

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 0 GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 (Hogben 82nd) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Goal 7 - Richardson 6, Kelly 7, Scott 8, Taylor 7 - Stevenson 7, G. Bennett 7, McCann 6, Pate 6 (inj. Kerr 73rd) - Gilder 6, Bain 6 (inj. McKinnlay 67th). Coach: Tommy Traynor.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: McKenna 7 - Peter Lewis 6, Short 7, Cannell 7, Hogben 8 - Vassallo 6, Boyle 6, Williams 8 - Toal 6, McClelland (inj. Greechan 22nd, 61), Paul Lewis 6. Coach: David Smallman.

David Hogben probably scored his most important goal of the season but a significant feature of the deciding moment in this Maltese derby was the fact that it was Ajax midfielder Jim Williams who sent Hogben down the left in the 82nd minute.

The combine defence had moved too far forward and was fully exposed, particularly down the side Hogben raced. Only captain Gerry Bennett could offer Hogan any resistance but the pace of the young Ajax left back was too much. Once Bennett was beaten only goalkeeper Alan Contini stood in Hogben's way. Contini came out of goal but Hogben

calmly stroked the ball under him and inside the near post. And Ajax had won a battle only made colorful by the fans and some crude challenges from players on both sides.

How referee Sam Zoumas was almost beyond belief. Carl Gilder fouled Stuart Cannell and was booked. Roger Bain fouled Cannell and was booked. Gerry Bennett charged into Peter Boyle's back and was booked. And Ajax's Willie Vassallo was booked for refusing to heed Zoumas' warning to stay 10 metres away as Norrie Pate prepared to take a corner.

What about Bobby Toal's challenge on Chris Taylor in the 15th minute? And a flailing of arms and legs by Peter Boyle with Taylor as the target in the 22nd minute? No. Mr. Zoumas didn't bring out his yellow card for these offences. Strange.

Boyle's daction appeared to be a direct result of Steve McClelland's misfortune. McClelland, imported from Scotland this year and appearing in the starting line-up due to the injury and illness of player-coach David Small-

man, found himself tackled by two combine players. The result - McClelland was stretched off and taken to hospital with a broken bone just above an ankle. The players were closer to the action than I was but from my vantage point, all three - McClelland and his two opponents - appeared intent on going in hard for the ball. Certainly, the incident provoked a stream of verbal protests from the Ajax players but in the ensuing hubbub and time taken up by getting a stretcher out to McClelland, referee Zoumas must have forgotten to book Boyle.

The game however, never reached great footballing heights with both defences in control for the most part. Steve Scerri did a great job on Paul Lewis, ably supported by sweeper Jim O'Reilly and left back Chris Taylor. At the other end of the park Carl Gilder battled singlehandedly for the most part but the Ajax back four was too tough, too well drilled.

Praise must be given to Steve McKenna who took over in goal in place of injured Ajax regular Lou Denys. McKenna was tested a couple of times in the air but responded well and the combine's best chance, a John Stevenson drive in the 50th minute, was well tipped wide by McKenna.



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Croydon final hurdle for Green Gully?

Green Gully should overcome one of the last major hurdles on its path to the championship when it is confronted by Croydon at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

And while Croydon is going down, Polonia and Box Hill should defeat Hellas and Morwell respectively to again open up the race for fourth spot and a place in the State League Cup.

Croydon strikers Joe Sweeney and Peter Loughnane may have done their club's cause irreparable damage by being sent off last week. However, the team can be reshuffled with Mike Rainey coming in at right back, Mark Brown pushing forward into midfield and Steve Irvine playing up front. That leaves one striking position vacant and it will be filled by either Terry Nolan or Ian Loughnane.

Still, an undermanned Croydon surely won't upset Ajax's bandwagon which started to roll when it beat Croatia 1-0 at Olympic Park, gathered momentum when Juventus downed Croatia and kept on the right track with last Sunday's narrow win over Sunshine-George Cross.

Fawknor won't bridge the one point gap between it and Croydon though as Cedo Cirikovic's team faces Croatia at Olympic Park No.1 and looks destined for defeat. However, Ian Tuffield's heading ability is sure to pose Croatia problems, especially in the absence of suspended stopper Sean Parton. I expect hard-hitting George Hannah to deputise as stopper with Ante Bilavac taking over Hannah's customary full back spot.

Polonia gets its chance to record its second win in seven weeks when it hosts bottom-of-the-league South Melbourne Hellas at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday. Polonia hammered eight goals past Hellas the last time they met but the current form of the Polish-sponsored club suggests that a repeat is unlikely. Polonia will win. Perhaps.

Box Hill probably put in its

worst display of the year against Albion last weekend but I'm sticking with the Hillmen to bounce back and upset the most disappointing team in State League - Morwell Falcons - at Wembley Park on Sunday. If Richard Miranda and Pedro Ramos get through a training match tomorrow (Thursday) then the Hillmen will be close to full strength and should win.

Doveton will welcome back Peter Thurlow from suspension and Stan Webster from injury for Sunday's Waratah Reserve clash with Albion Rovers. I expect the Doves to triumph, despite the outstanding Albion performance against Box Hill, although Doveton strikers Ian Stirling and Webster, no doubt will be marked tightly. Keiron Coyle may be pitted against Stirling with young Brian Galea tagging Webster, but I expect the Doves, with John Dowie, Andy Millar and Thurlow in midfield, to come out on top.

Juventus has too many good players in form to go down to depleted Northcote at John Cain Reserve on Sunday, while Sunshine-George Cross surely won't slip up against Jubilee Park, also on Sunday. Here are this weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

SUNDAY
DOVETON v Albion Rovers at Waratah Reserve, 3pm.
Northcote v JUVENTUS at John Cain Reserve, 3pm.
Ringswood v WILHELMINA v SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS at Jubilee Park, 3pm.
G.C. AJAX v Croydon at Green Gully Reserve, 3pm.
MELBOURNE CROATIA v Fawknor at Olympic Park No.1, 3pm.
POLONIA v S.M. Hellas at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.
BOX HILL v Morwell Falcons at Wembley Park, 3pm.

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AJAX.....	17	4	1	53	10	38
CROATIA.....	17	2	3	56	11	36
JUVENTUS.....	15	4	3	45	18	34
CROYDON.....	10	5	7	38	28	25
Fawknor.....	10	4	8	36	37	24
Polonia.....	9	5	8	33	30	23
Box Hill.....	9	4	9	31	32	22
Northcote.....	9	4	9	22	38	22
Morwell F.....	8	4	10	26	38	20
S. Geo. Cross.....	8	3	11	34	33	19
Doveton.....	7	3	12	28	39	17
Albion R.....	4	4	14	13	38	12
Wilhelmina.....	4	2	16	20	55	10
Hellas.....	1	4	17	21	58	6

THANKS, 'BADGER'

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 DOVETON 1 (Bartlett 30th) at Middle Park, Saturday.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Turvick 4 - Postecoglou 6, Kallafidhis 7, Anazakis 6, Vardakis 7 (inj. Patsamir 80th) - Bekiaris 6.

Abraam 7 (inj. Kasalides 60th), Cummings 6, Kanasoulis 5 - Kantonis 5, Kalamitakis 6. Coach: Jim Armstrong.
DOVETON: Keogh 7 - Watson 8, Gadsby 7, Corks 7, McLeod 7 - Westhouse 5, Davis 7, Miller 8 - Bartlett 7 (Hulsi 70th), Stirling 6, M. Lennon 5. Coach: Hammy McEneaney.

Loughnane, Sweeney, Parton off

CROYDON 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Brogan 75th) at Croydon Park, Sunday.

CROYDON: Kastner 9 - Brown 6, Marley 6, Dobson 8, Hobson 8 - Irvine 8, Rooney 8, Wade 9 - P. Loughnane 6 (sent off 88th), Sweeney 6 (sent off 88th), Macleod 6. Coach: Ted Dilworth.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blashy 8 - Curcio 7, Adams 9, Parton 8 (sent off 88th), Hannah 7 - Biskic 8, Antolovic 7, Faulkner 7, Golevic 7 - Cumming 8, Brogan 7. Coach: John Gardner.

Three sending offs in the last five minutes produced a dramatic climax to an entertaining clash at Croydon Park which was settled by a Dave Brogan goal in the 75th minute.

Sean Parton, Joe Sweeney and Gus McLeod clashed in the 85th minute in a pushing and shoving match which prompted referee Dennis Voutsinas to send off Parton and Sweeney. And three minutes later Peter Loughnane was sent off after clashing with Tony Curcio.

The scene for the senior clash was set against the backdrop of a fiery reserves match, described as "a bloodbath" by former Croatia team manager Frank Burin. One of Croatia's young reserves broke his leg, Ossie Laif and Drago Denkovovic were injured while Dennis Morovic, the former Sunshine-George Cross defender, was sent off. Croydon's comeback from a 2-0 deficit was studded with two controversial penalties. The home side eventually won the reserves match 4-3.

In the main game, Croatia first threatened in the 7th minute from a Josip Biskic corner. The ball went to Zoran Antolovic, whose shot was blocked and fell for Dave Brogan, the former Croydon striker. Brogan's attempt was put out for a corner.

Lou Kastner saved from Tommy Cumming in the 18th minute and shortly after Jeff Faulkner shot over. Macleod and Antolovic both were cautioned but the miss of the ball belonged to Sweeney. In the 41st minute, Steve Irvine robbed Faulkner and passed to Peter Loughnane on the right. Loughnane crossed to Sweeney who incredibly shot over from just three metres out. A minute later Sweeney was cautioned after fouling George Hannah.

Three minutes into the second half Croatia players, officials and supporters were incensed when referee Voutsinas ignored strong pleas for a penalty against Croydon stopper Ian Dobson, who had raised a boot too high when challenging Cumming. Voutsinas awarded an indirect free kick to Croatia, inside the penalty area!

A Sweeney header in the 50th minute eluded Croatia goalie Peter Blasby but Hannah was on hand to clear off the line.

You've guessed right. This was not spine tingling stuff. An Essendon (of Windy Hill and not Triestina fame) supporter spied my little transistor at half time and kept in touch, via me, with the demolition of Carlton during the second half of this game. I'd like to publicly thank him and "Badger" Buchanan for keeping my eyes open.

The goal that settled this issue came from aggressive Colin Bartlett in the 30th minute. Andy Millar, who had the first game, made a diagonal run to the right and received the ball. He floated in a cross to the near post and Mark Turvick, who has to learn that the six yard box is supposed to belong to him and him alone, stood on his line as Bartlett executed a neat and effective, back header from three metres out.

The best chances before that goal, fell to Doveton's Bartlett and Stirling again. Stirling headed over from a Bartlett cross (the youngster finally had got one over after numerous tries), Cummings was put through by Jim Kalamitakis but Sean Keogh smothered well, then Turvick staggered the 70 spectators by coming off his line and sliding at Stirling's feet after the Doveton striker had been put in the clear by John Dowie.

Second half chances fell to Ian Stirling, Duncan Cummings and Stirling again. Stirling headed over from a Bartlett cross (the youngster finally had got one over after numerous tries), Cummings was put through by Jim Kalamitakis but Sean Keogh smothered well, then Turvick staggered the 70 spectators by coming off his line and sliding at Stirling's feet after the Doveton striker had been put in the clear by John Dowie.

AMETCO PLAYER AWARDS

S. G. Cross v G. G. Ajax: 3 Williams (GG); 2 Scerri (SGG); 1 Hogben (SGG).
Albion v Box Hill: 3 Balea (A); 2 D'Sylva (A); 1 Smart (A).
Hellas v Doveton: 3 Watson (D); 2 Millar (D); 1 McLeod (D).
Juventus v Wilhelmina: 3 Incantalupo (J); 2 Hird (J); 1 Cuen (J).
Fawknor v Polonia: 3 Anselma (F); 2 Tuffield (F); 1 Fattore (F).
Croydon v Croatia: 3 Adams (Croatia); 2 Kronten (Croy); 1 Wade (Croy).
Morwell v Northcote: 3 Young (M); 2 Moore (N); 1 Bingham (M).
PROGRESSIVE VOTES:
32 - Moore (Northcote)
26 - Cumming (Croatia)
24 - Hird (Juventus)
21 - Kallafidhis (Hellas)
20 - Tuffield (Fawknor)
19 - Peter Lewis (Ajax), Milla (Polonia).
LEADING SCORERS:
23 - Paul Lewis (Ajax)
16 - Cumming (Croatia)
15 - Smallman (Ajax)
13 - Brogan (Croatia)
12 - McGuinness (Morwell)

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Hillmen humbled by rampant rovers

ALBION ROVERS 1 (Forrie 17th) BOX HILL 0 at Selwyn Park, Saturday.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 8 - Galea 9, Hennessy 8, K. Coyle 8, Stuart 7 - Rally 8, A. Bennett 7, Douglas 6 - D'Sylva 8, Smart 7, Forrie 17th, Box Hill 0. **BOX HILL:** McKinnley 8 - J. Roodhouse 7, Gableton 6, Brown 6, A. Roodhouse 6 - K. Valen-

tine 5, Hughes 7, McDonald 6 (Lewer 11th). - Azzopoli 6, Verrecchia 6, Priestley 6. Coach: Bill Murray.

Forget the scoreline. This was one of Albion's most convincing efforts this year and success was achieved without Eddie Gray, Bill McIntyre, Frank MacLeod, Ron McIvor,

Peter Dickson, Graham Williams, Chris Ogden and Marko Karapatsos, all either injured, suspended, or sacked, and all newcomers to the club this season.

Simply put, Box Hill never was in the hunt. Albion ran all over the Hillmen in the first half and was denied from going in with a four or five goal half time lead by some fine goalkeeping from John McKinnley, and by the upright that stopped a fierce Kenny Smart drive from about 12 metres. Had Smart scored it would have been a fine goal. His shot came after a superb solo run in which he beat three opponents.

Smart and fellow forward Mike D'Sylva tormented a Box Hill defence which was exposed as cumbersome at times. And while Box Hill looked brittle at the back, up front its strikers Peter Verrecchia and Paul Priestley were well held in check. Man-of-the-match, young Brian Galea, tagged Verrecchia while Keiron Coyle shackled Priestley.

Pedro Ramos and Richard Miranda still were unavailable for Box Hill due to injury. They give skill and bite to the Hillmen in midfield and in their absence doubts have been cast over the depth of coach Bill Murray's first team squad. Ramos, Miranda and Brian Keenan, also recovering from injury, will play tomorrow (Thursday) in a training match at Wembley Park against Mike Lynn's Metro First Division outfit, Melbourne. The game kicks off at 6.45pm.

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The highlight of the remaining play came in the 81st minute when Cullen conceded the most amazing miss of the year. He raced through the middle, got clear by playing a one-two with Incantalupo, and was confronted only by Nyholt. Two minutes later Incantalupo off his line and ooked a swing at the ball but Cullen blocked Nyholt's attempt to kick clear, and with the goal at his mercy, gently rolled the ball wide.

- MICK O'BRIEN



Joy for Bennie Forrie and victory for Albion. Forrie just slammed in the winner against Box Hill.

Three-goal Fab

JUVENTUS 4 (Incantalupo penalty 9th, 30th, 54th, Zinni 52nd) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Stewart 45th) at Olympic Park No. 2, Sunday.

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 6 - V. Bannon 1st, Swinscoe 17th, J. Rogers 8, Drincovich 8, Hind 8, Cullen 8, G. Bannon 7, Lloyd 7 - Zinni 7 (French 68th), Incantalupo 9, Nelson 6. Coach: John Margulies.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Janssen 1st, Nyholt 4th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th. Coach: Neil van den Berg.

Ringwood Wilhelmima was forced to use young striker John Nyholt in goal after Rick Janssen injured himself in the 9th minute in bringing down Andrew Zinni for a penalty.

The Dutch-sponsored club, now favorite to finish second last in the league, was without goalkeeper Stuart Lee, who is contesting the national under-16 titles with the Victorian team, and having to use an out-field player in goal highlights the club's lack of depth. Indeed, it's reaching ridiculous proportions to think that a State League club is so short-staffed in the goalkeeping area.

Fabio Incantalupo had no trouble in converting the early penalty and Wilhelmima effectively was out of the reckoning from that point on. Juventus had too many good players and what a delight it was to see Rob Cullen enjoying himself once more. He's one of the best strikers around and seems to have rediscovered his appetite for the game.

Surprisingly, Wilhelmima almost hit back in the 15th minute. An Eddie Pena free

kick from wide on the right, completely beat Alex Fantoma, deputising in goal for Gary Clayton who had injured himself at training, but the ball hit the underside of the bar, bounced down, and was cleared.

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Northcote's Arthur Patiniotis - scored against Morwell.

Suburbs soar, Sandy champ

Two penalties enabled Western Suburbs to down Metro First Division rival Melbourne 2-0 on Sunday and hit the top of the league ladder for the first time this season.

Meanwhile, Provisional Division One pacesetter, Yarraville, still is the only undefeated senior outfit in the Victorian Leagues. The Greek-sponsored club, coached by Manos Milios, already has won promotion to Metro ranks for the first time in its history and seems certain to win the championship.

The Vigor Health and Fitness Thirds League receives little publicity, however the competition, organised by Metro Fourth Division club Moorabbin is going strong. Sandringham City is the Thirds League champion, even though the Sillitoe Reserve outfit still has a game to play. Sandy won the league last Sunday by defeating Moorabbin 2-1 while title rival Doncaster founded against Greensboro 2-1. Sandy's championship success is believed to be a first for the club, formed as a breakaway from neighboring Brighton in 1947.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE
KNOX CITY 1 (House 57th) MORELAND 0

KNOX: McTurk 7, Dixon 7, Schroeder 7, Bialinger 8, Fitzpatrick 9, Wild 8, Munro 7, Smith 7, Lesbirel 8, House 9, Crompton 6, Sub: Gerish for Wild 8th.

MORELAND: Molis 9, McDonald 6, Chetcuti 6, Polini 6, Paola 6, Pace 6, McRoberts 7, Subs: Monaghan for Paola 57th, Stamboulidis for Pace 73rd.

Knox's supreme goal thief, Greg House, slipped in behind the defense and slotted home what would prove to be the most important goal of the season.

This was the only goal that separated the teams but Knox's superiority should have been worth at least four goals. House and Lesbirel combined repeatedly to set up a hat-trick of chances for Crompton and a couple for Wild.

Knox's defence was rock-solid and the overlapping of Fitzpatrick was a feature of the game.

DIVISION THREE
ELTHAM 2 (P. Cirka 8th, Lewis penalty 30th) PRAHRAN CITY 0

ELTHAM: Graham 8, Alderson 7, M. Cirka 8, Raynes 7, McIntosh 7, Lewis 7, Herman 9, Hurdic 7, Briggs 7, Currie 6, P. Cirka 8.

A disputed goal in the 8th minute set the Redbacks on the way to victory. Peter Cirka chased a long clearance through the middle. Mark Lewis seemed to be in an off-side position when the ball was played, but the referee ignored the Eltham linesman's signal and Cirka carried on, beat off a challenge from Terry Hawke and forced the ball over the line.

The game settled down to a dull midfield battle due, mainly to the conditions and Eltham scored their second when Peter Cirka broke away from a quickly taken freekick by Curcija and was brought down inside the penalty box. As usual, Mark Lewis converted.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
YARRAVILLE 2 (J. Liakopoulos 24th, 84th) HAWKSBURD 0

YARRAVILLE: Glizas, Tzabazis, Tsolmidis, F. Dimitriou, Koutrouvelis, (Scoumalidis 68th), Kallipollitis, Tzarkis, Voulgieris, Xanthopoulos (Petridis 46th), Liakopoulos, Melistis.

This victory assured Yarraville of promotion to the Metropolitan League Fourth Division next season.

After 24 games, Manos Milios's team still is undefeated and with only two games to go, looks like finishing the season that way - the only undefeated team in the Victorian senior leagues.

BULLEN-VENETO 1 (Bastasin 75th) SHEPPARTON CITY 1 (Neilson 20th)

BULLEN-VENETO: L. Poropat 6, E. Dolin 7, M. Berto 7, Cassal 6, Zecchin 7, D. Augustinos 6, Barbieri 7, Curulli 8, Sutherland 8, Gennal 8 (Bertman 8th), 6, Michailidis 6.

In a game which Bullen-Veneto should have wrapped up in the second half, it had to be content with a draw against Shepparton City.

Shepparton opened the scoring when forward Neilson latched on to a bad defensive blunder and easily put home his shot against a defenceless Poropat.

The second half saw Bullen-Veneto throw everything at Shepparton City but missing on numerous occasions to capitalise.

It was substitute Bastasin who equalised for Bullen-

Morwell's time up?

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (Bozakis 6g 58th) NORTH COTE 1 (Patinotis 47th) at North Crinigan Reserve, Sunday.

MORWELL FALCONS: Precioso - Birmingham 8, Young 8, Higham 7, Train 7 - Darby 6 (Lacey 56th), Irvine 6, MacLean 8, O'Callaghan 7 - Evans 6, McGuinness 7. Coach: Tony Boggi.

NORTH COTE: Giannopoulos 7 - Dafligou 4, Moore 8, Bozakis 7, Wright 8, Wilson 6, Quilley 7, Culina 8 - Patiniotis 5, Tzavosa 5, Constantinou 6. Coach: Tony Vrizina.

Striker Alun Evans probably cost Morwell, in transfer money and wages, more than the total transfer money paid out by Northcote coach Tony Vrizina for new signings this year.

"We just can't score. It's been the same for weeks now. I've got the feeling that we're going to bang in half a dozen goals in a game shortly," said Morwell coach Tony Boggi.

Well, Boggi and his team fast are running out of time with just four league games remaining. Then again, Morwell may turn it on in the Dockerty Cup, but that would be a major surprise in the light of the club's dismal display to date in 1983. To make matters

worse, Morwell's Dockerty Cup quarter-final opponent is Melbourne Croatia.

John O'Callaghan had the best first half chance to open the scoring when Northcote sweeper Steve Moore slipped, allowing the Morwell midfielder to get clear but John Giannopoulos blocked O'Callaghan's shot.

Two minutes into the second half Northcote took the lead. Colin Quilley intercepted the ball in midfield and sent a lightly weighted through ball to Arthur Patiniotis who broke clear with Morwell appealing for offside. Patiniotis drew out Romeo Precioso then neatly slotted the ball in to make it 1-0. That lead though, was shortlived.

Young Joe De Filippou fouled Bobby McGuinness outside the Northcote area in the 58th minute. Jim Train took the resultant free kick. His shot was well off target but George Bozakis tried to chest clear rather than head the ball away and under pressure from Alun Evans, Bozakis put the ball into his own net.

The highlight of the remainder of play came in the 81st minute when Jim MacLean and Bobby McGuinness combined superbly. McGuinness then unleashed a 20 metre drive but Giannopoulos pulled off a fine save, tipping the ball over the bar.

SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION TWO
Saturday: KEV v Melbourne (Lalor), WEST-ERN SUBURBS v Altona Gate, FRANKSTON PINKS v Bell Park.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: KELLER v Waverley City, ST ALBANS v Thornesville, MURKAWADING CITY v Holden Hill, NTH DANEDONG v Ringwood, UTE: SPRINGVALE City v Dandenong City, PRESTON v Arden.

Sunday: PETERS in POSTCARD JUST.
DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Hawthorn Hawks v Sandringham, St Melbourne Maristale v CAULFIELD City, Sandringham v STH GLEBE, Port Melbourne v Brighton (Lacey), MORNINGTON v Eltham, Preston City v YALLURN, Royal Richmond v Colong (Lacey).

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Kooragang v ROSELAND, Kooragang v ROSELAND, NTH GLEBE, Far-farney City v SEASIDE CITY, INDOORoop City v Emeraldwood, Corrie v Karingal (Lacey), MARYLEIGH RANGERS v Hawthorn.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
Saturday: YARRAVILLE v Melbourne v Ballarat, Melbourne v Langwarrup, SHEPPARTON CITY v Carlton, MONASH Unit v Chelsea, EAST BRUNSWICK v Clayton, Laker Unit v Clifton Hill (Lacey).

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: GUARDIAN v 5th Year, St Don.

Veneto when he deflected a Sutherland shot into the net.

SOUTH YARRA 0 SOUTH DANDENONG 0 (Contreras penalty 86th, Warszawa 88th)

SOUTH YARRA: M. De Marchi, P. Jerrard, D. Humphries, L. De Marchi, P. Murdoch, D. Carey, P. Nannetti, Conway, J. Hopkins, (C. Clegg, 80th), J. Bosh, R. Tooth (L. Little-dyke, 62).

SOUTH DANDENONG: C. Brevo, F. Romero, E. Romero, L. Liano, F. Jimenez, C. Romero (K. De Kiert, 62), O. Romero, G. Warszawa, C. Ugarte, R. Contreras, M. Salda-

BEST PLAYERS: South Yarra: M. Tsvigolov, D. Carey, P. Murdoch. South Dandenong: F. Jimenez, E. Romero, Warszawa.

Although little to choose between the teams in possession play, South Yarra's woeful shooting in front of goal was the undoing. Lacking in power, the young Dandenong front line were generally contained by the home defence.

Not so the skilful attacking midfield duo of Roberto Contreras and Greg Warszawa.

Brave goalkeeping by Tsvigolov kept the visitors at bay until the final five minutes but it was fitting that Contreras and Warszawa should have the final say in the afternoon's proceedings.

After Warszawa was brought down in full flight, Contreras slotted home the

VENETO in POSTCARD JUST.
DIVISION THREE
Saturday: CHELTENHAM v Hampton Wanderers, SPRINGVALE UTE v West Gaining, NTH GLEBE v Melbourne Maristale, UTE: MELBOURNE, PASCOE VALE v Sandringham, UTE: CLARINIA KYLONG, ALTONA UTE v Mole Unit.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Melbourne v LYNNAL UTE, SEASIDE v Seaside, Port Unit v GLENDON VALLEY, Pakenham v DWYLL, NTH SUBURBS v East Carra, Masfield Rangers v GLENDON UTE, MORURUK v Macleod Unit.

AMATEUR LEAGUE
Sunday: YERMOBY v Waverley, CHADSTONE v Nth Melbourne, Hare Unit v BALACALAVA, MELBOURNE UNIT v ASCOT VALE City, MURDOCK v West Unit, St Kew v SEASIDE, BRIGHT v Geelong, Philips Unit v KYONG STH VALE, Seaside v Seaside v STH PARADISE, LATROBE UNIT v Melbourne Park.

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spot kick four minutes from time. Two minutes later the speedy Warszawa raced through the Yarra defence to shoot low and hard, squeezing the ball between Tsvigolov and his right post.

DIVISION FOUR
DIAMOND VALLEY 5 (Morrison 3rd, 64th, 71st, Mihailides 5th, Vanderslik 79th) PARKMORE 1

VALLEY: Thacker 7, Eckhard 8, Campbell 8, Love 5, P. Watson 8, C. Bass 8, D. Bass 5, Mihailides 9, Vanderslik 8, Morrison 9, Curtis 9.

Valley had this game sewn up after five minutes. Vanderslik's low cross was turned in by Gary Morrison. Two minutes later, Vanderslik hit a good shot which the keeper could only parry and George Mihailides was on hand to fire into the roof of the net.

Just before half time, Parkmore missed a penalty. In the second half, Gary Morrison completed his hat-trick with two superb goals. Steve Curtis made a brilliant run down the left and crossed for Morrison to steady and fire into the roof of the net.

Mihailides made a similar run and cross for Morrison to head home. Parkmore pulled a goal back but within a minute, Vanderslik latched on to Morrison's pass to score Valley's fifth goal.

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Fishing for goals

tus. Paul Wormley, was knocking in the goals for West Adelaide in the NSL. One has to ponder what Sawdon could do in top company.

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Olympia blows

Bruce Ward scored a hat-trick for Juventus, his second in succession.

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Mezey Hungary's new boss, Celtic signs two

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Georgy Mezey, 40, is the new national coach of Hungary, succeeding Kalman Meszely who was ousted after Hungary's shock defeat in the European Championship by Denmark.

Nyilasi

Hungary's first big export transfer for many moons has seen Tibor Nyilasi move from Ferencvaros to Austria Vienna for around \$300,000 with Vienna, Nyilasi will team up with Herbert Prohaska who came home from AS Roma.

189 banned

The Hungarian Pools fraud trial and investigation go on and on. A total of 38 clubs have been heavily fined, 189 players from the Second and Third Divisions have been suspended for periods ranging from one to five years. Biggest player named to get a five-year stretch is Lajos Kocsis, now 35.

Engels out

Cologne and West German international midfielder Stefan Engels is likely to miss the first six weeks of the new season following a serious knee operation.

U.S. crisis

The 12-team North American Soccer League is once again battling for survival. New York Cosmos are worried over talk that Warner Communications may opt out. Seattle Sounders and San Diego could be up for sale. Team America has not clicked and only two of the three Canadian-based sides, Vancouver Whitecaps and Toronto Blizzard, seem to be in a happy state.

New rule

As from the start of the new season in England players can no longer expect to be automatically ordered off for committing a professional foul which prevents a goal being scored. FIFA has intimated that Britain would be cut

off from the rest of the world should it fail to bring its interpretation of the laws in line with FIFA's. But the clean-up has worked in England. For statistics show a total of 5627 goals were scored last season — 351 more than the previous season and by far the highest total for 15 years.

Ajac catch

Holland's top side, Ajax of Amsterdam, is still smarting over the loss of Johan Cruyff.

Bye-bye Fillol

The 13-year association between Argentina World Cup hero Ubaldo Fillol and River Plate has ended.

Having been dismissed by River, for what its president termed "10 years of misconduct", the 40-times capped goalkeeper signed with Argentinos Juniors.

Juniors, whose main claim to fame is as the club where Diego Maradona started his rise to stardom, are now back among the Argentine's also-rans and appear incapable of providing Fillol with opportunities to increase the contents of his trophy cabinet.

Ironically, he spurned many chances of earning a fortune in Europe after the 1978 World Cup finals — preferring to remain loyal to River Plate.

During that Mundial, Fillol produced many crucial saves, as Argentina captured the game's most coveted trophy.

Dynamic goal poacher Mario Kempes may have inspired more headlines, but Fillol was named Argentina's "Footballer of the Year" soon afterwards.

Four years later, he was one of the few Argentines to come back from Spain with reputation intact.

Guarding the goal of "Los Milonarios", he gained winners' medals for both major domestic titles — the Metropolitan Championships and National League. Only The Cope Libertadores has eluded the 33-year-old. — PAUL MOON

Soren Lerby, Piet Schrijvers and Wim Kieft. The club has partially filled the gaps by buying Austria Vienna star Felix Gasselich. Last season Gasselich scored 15 goals from the midfield.

van de Korput

Dutch international sweeper Michel van de Korput has returned to Holland after five years in Italian soccer with Torino. Several Dutch clubs, including Feyenoord, are interested but Torino's asking price of around \$600,000 will have to drop considerably before any business is transacted.

Bannon

Dundee United's Eamon Bannon celebrated his wife's present of twins by scoring two goals in the Scottish Premier League Champions 4-0 win over West Ham. Eamon's brothers Pat, Vince and God

play for Juventus in Melbourne.

World Cup

Italy, France and England have all made application to stage the 1990 World Cup finals.

Rummenigge

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the Bayern Munich and West Germany star, has scotched rumours he will try his luck in Italian soccer, despite approaches from Torino and Florence. The idea gained

Arsenal

Arsenal have grabbed a striker valued at \$160,000 for nothing. Colchester's 22-year-old winger Ian Allison, their top scorer over the past three seasons, was freed in error, so Terry Neill nipped in to beat near neighbours Fulham for his signature. And Coventry have paid Spurs \$140,000 for transfer-listed Terry Gibson.

Watford

Watford have suffered a shattering blow with the news that their new \$350,000 midfielder Paul Atkinson from Oldham broke an ankle in a friendly with Reading and will be out until Christmas.

Armstrong

Gerry Armstrong has moved from Watford to Spanish side Real Mallorca for \$450,000 on a two-year contract which will net him \$240,000.

Kenny Burns

Kenny Burns, the former Scotland international defender, is presently out in the cold. Now with Leeds United he finds manager Eddie Gray — an old Scotland colleague — has no plans for his future at Elland Road. But Burns, on loan to Derby last season, has two years of his current contract to run with Leeds at \$1,500 a week plus bonuses and that commitment is scaring off several clubs interested in the former Nottingham Forest star.

Celtic

Celtic, after having splashed out \$170,000 for Motherwell striker Brian McClair, have spent \$190,000 on another scorer, 24-year-old Jim Murren from Coventry City. Murren, a former Scotland under 23 international, joined Leicester City three years ago for over \$500,000 from Partick Thistle, then moved for half that figure to Coventry last year.

McGee joins Bristol

Former Euro international striker Paul McGee who was expected to turn out for Juventus or Footscrey JUST earlier this year, has been signed on a month's trial by Bristol City of the English Fourth Division.

Informed by Burnley during the 1982-83 season that he was surplus to requirements, McGee appeared for League of Ireland team Dundalk on loan during the latter part of the campaign, but did not sign a permanent contract. — PAUL MOON



Rudi Gutendorf



Grant Turner

Gutendorf 'spat at ref's feet'

By PAUL MOON

Having lost the first game 0-2, New Zealand lined up for its return clash with Fiji at Prince Charles Park, Nadi, two days later. It was more a brawl than a game, with the Kiwis winning 1-0.

Players of both sides appeared more interested in kicking and punching than playing soccer and it was miraculous that only two players were sent off — Tony Kabokoro for persistent fouling and Sydney Olympic's Rick Herbert for swearing. The unlucky Herbert was seen breaking up a fight immediately before his dismissal.

Fiji coach Rudi Gutendorf too fell foul of referee Gopalan Kanna.

The former Soccerboss boss rushed onto the field at one stage and is alleged to have feigned to throw a punch at the referee, and then to have spat at his feet.

Kanna said he would be reporting Gutendorf to FIFA.

Fiji's coach found an unlikely ally in his New Zealand counterpart Allan Jones, who described Kanna as "incompetent, unfit, incapable of refereeing adequately at senior level, let alone an international. He completely lost his head."

Jones added however that he considered Gutendorf's attitude to be "diabolical".

New Zealand won the "game" 1-0, with a Kenny Cresswell goal in the 25th minute.

Gutendorf described Fiji's 2-0 victory in the first game as "one of the highlights of my 20 years in international football."

Showing uncharacteristic discipline and determination, particularly in defence, Fiji thwarted the Kiwis, who totally dominated the first 40 minutes on a waterlogged and wind-swept National Stadium in Suva, but could not breach the locals' resolute rearguard.

Goals by Tony Kabokoro, who ironically failed to make the grade with New Zealand club Christchurch United last year, in the 44th and 72nd minutes, sank an All-Whites combination which displayed its frustrations with a series of violent fouls.

Unfortunately, unsavoury incidents were not confined to the actual match. Shortly after the final whistle sounded, ex-South Melbourne Hellas midfielder Grant Turner is alleged to have punched Fijian manager Jahn Khan as he walked onto the pitch to congratulate his players.

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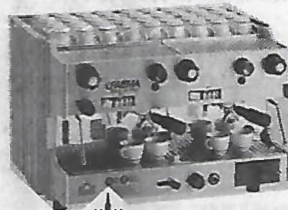
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Il campionato di State League ha almeno una nota molto positiva per i tifosi italiani e, ci si acuisce la modestia, ha confermato quello che dicevamo da molto tempo e che abbiamo ripetuto più volte nelle ultime settimane: il Fawkner con il brio dei suoi giovani, primo di tutti Anselma che da spalla di Tuffield l'anno scorso era stato relegato in panchina per far posto ai "grandi nomi", può aspirare al quarto posto in campionato e quindi all'a partecipazione del potenzialmente lucrativo torneo "top four" a fine stagione.

Domenica gli azzurri hanno fatto fuori anche il diretto avversario Pononia con il punteggio di 3-2 ed era proprio Anselma, su suggerimento di Tuffield, a segnare la rete iniziale e quella della vittoria.

Peccato che il Fawkner, troppo ambizioso per il suo bene, ha impiegato la gran parte di un campionato per capire che quello che aveva in casa era molto meglio di quello che è andato a comprare. Tuffield che aveva dovuto lavorare per molto

tempo come un negro non trovando l'intesa con i suoi nuovi compagni di squadra, e ora tutto un altro giocatore da quando gli hanno rinfacciato il suo "gemello" Anselma con il quale dialoga cos' bene; e fra i due non esiste alcuna gelosia poiché l'uno è pronto a sacrificarsi per far segnare l'altro.

Fu questo binomio che l'anno scorso ebbe il merito maggiore della vittoria nel campionato della prima divisione e della promozione alla lega statale, e sarà probabilmente questo binomio ricostruito a guadagnare al Fawkner un onorevolissimo quarto posto.

Ma non bisogna però farsi prendere da facili entusiasmi nemmeno in questo frangente, poiché la strada della squadra azzurra da qui alla conclusione del campionato non è delle più facili: le ultime quattro avversarie con le quali fare i conti sono Croatia, Green Gully, Ringwood e Northcote. Di questi solo il Ringwood può essere considerato un cliente facile, il Northcote è uno di tutto rispetto, mentre Croatia e Green Gully sono da considerare impossibili. Sulla carta perciò ci sono almeno tre punti.

Il Croydon, che ora precede il Fawkner di un punto in classifica, dovrà incontrare Green Gully, Ringwood, Northcote, Box Hill; almeno quattro punti da considerare già in tasca. Il terzo in comando, il Polonia che si trova ad una lunghezza dal Fawkner, dovrà vedersela con Hellas, Doveton, Albion Rovers, Croatia; anche qui almeno quattro punti piuttosto scontati.

Se queste previsioni risulteranno indovinate il Ringwood il seguente punteggio finale: Croydon 29, in quarta posizione. Fawkner e Polonia 27 (una unità del Northcote, ora a quota 22, sembra impossibile perché questa squadra rischia di non vincere alcuna altra partita dovendo incontrare Juventus, George Cross, Fawkner e Croydon mentre il Box Hill ha possibilità di qualche punto in più ma sempre insufficiente per colmare il vuoto già esistente).

Il Fawkner perciò, per avere delle serie possibilità dovrebbe strappare almeno un punto dai due incontri con il Croatia e il Green Gully (e non lo riteniamo del tutto impossibile) e battere il Northcote; questo significherebbe cinque punti da portarlo a quota 29 solo per vedersi beffato da un quoziente reti di molto a favore del Croydon che si agguiderrebbe così l'agognato quarto post. Non rimane sperare perciò che, oltre al Green Gully, Northcote o Box Hill battano il Croydon e che quella delle due che non lo batte riesca almeno a pareggiare.

Tutta una serie di risultati che debbono andare a favore del Fawkner per dargli la grande possibilità. Tutto è però ancora possibile, ma sarebbe una beffa enorme per le due squadre italiane di Melbourne in State League se i punti che l'una ha tolto all'altra vieterebbe la vittoria del titolo alla Juventus ed il quarto posto al Fawkner.

Qualunque il risultato finale, il Fawkner potrà sicuramente essere orgoglioso del suo rendimento alla prima avventura

in campionato statale e dovrà fare il "mea culpa" per non essere riuscito ad andare ancora più su.

PER LA TRIESTINA IL BIS APPARE IMPOSSIBILE

La vecchia gloriosa Triestina, che aveva cominciato il campionato in modo non del tutto soddisfacente, e cresciuta alla distanza ed ora si trova nella possibilità teorica di fare il "bis" vincendo il campionato di prima squadra e quello delle riserve.

Il compito delle riserve è molto più facile di quello della prima che dovrà rimontare due punti (in due partite) all'attuale capolista e farsi largo fra una massa di cinque squadre che matematicamente hanno ancora possibilità di primato: Geelong (a quota 29 deve ancora incontrare Rosanna e Rosebud), North Geelong (a quota 28 deve ancora incontrare Mooroolbark e Rosanna), Hamlyn Rangers (a quota 28 deve ancora incontrare Hawthorn e Keysborough), Corio (a quota 27 deve ancora incontrare Karangal e Hawthorn) e Triestina (a quota 27 deve ancora incontrare Ferntree Gully e Mooroolbark).

Le possibilità sono certo minime, ma la ristrutturazione delle leghe e dei gironi in seguito alla formazione della lega nazionale regionalizzata l'anno prossimo dovrebbe tener conto del buon comportamento in campo e del miglioramento delle strutture amministrative degli albarbati e promuoverli a tavolino almeno di una divisione.

Teniamo a ricordare ai tifosi albarbati che il club organizza una cena danzante per sabato 17 settembre presso la Riviera Receptions di North Melbourne. Se non due titoli se ne potrebbe celebrare uno, ma in ogni caso certamente un ottimo campionato e l'inizio di un futuro migliore. I biglietti costano \$20 per soci e giocatori e le prenotazioni possono esser

fatte telefonando a A. Biasin (306.3753) o S. Romano (318.5736).

ALTRI TITOLI ALLE ITALIANE

Di tutte le altre squadre italiane nelle varie leghe del Victoria il Westall ha già la certezza matematica di vincere il campionato trovandosi in vantaggio di 10 punti sulla seconda classificata con solo quattro partite rimaste per la conclusione della stagione.

Il rubino di marcia della squadra italiana è ancora più eccezionale se si considerano queste cifre: 22 partite giocate, 20 vinte, due perse, reti segnate 91, subite 32, punti 40. Le possibilità future della squadra sono infinite perché opera nella zona "italianissima" di Oakleigh-Clayton dove è l'unica rappresentante del calcio italiano e quindi ha una grande comunità sulla quale far presa e dalla quale ottenere il sostegno necessario per avviarsi verso l'alto del calcio locale. Su questa particolare considerazione il Westall è una delle poche squadre minori italiane ad avere una buona ragione di esistere in una zona d'influenza grande abbastanza per assicurarle un buon futuro.

Il Thomastown, ormai tagliato fuori dalla lotta per un piazzamento d'onore ma sicuramente meritevole di promozione a tavolino, potrà comunque consolarsi con la vittoria nel campionato cadetto (sette punti di vantaggio con solo due partite rimaste).

La Juventus, avendo mancato il gran colpo e con l'annata magra delle riserve può puntare le sue speranze sulla U/18 che condivide il primato in classifica con l'Heidelberg United.

LA JUVENTUS POTREBBE PRENDERSI LA RIVINCITA

La Juventus ha fatto una passeggiata control il Ringwood domenica vincendo per 4-1 e Margarithis ha finalmente deciso di tirare fuori uno dei

quattro attaccanti (e' toccato a French che però e' entrato nel secondo tempo al posto dell'infortunato Zinni).

Senza Pat Bannon e con Vince Bannon uscito dopo solo un quarto d'ora dall'inizio della partita, si sono creati dei piccoli scompensi in difesa e il Ringwood riusciva così a segnare la rete della bandiera. Non e' stata una grande partita ma il risultato di 4-1 e' tale da non fare una piega. Incanalupo ha fatto una buona partita mettendo a segno una tripletta ed anche Zinni era in gran forma realizzando la rete più spettacolare della giornata. Per la Juventus ora non e' rimasto altro che una rivincita della "top four" e ci auguriamo che tecnici e giocatori si stiano preparando adeguatamente per essa.

LA LEGA SI FARA'... E LA SEDE DELLA JUVENTUS ANCHE

Negli ultimi tempi, a causa di una impennata della federazione del N.S.W., sembrava che il raggiunto accordo per la regionalizzazione della lega nazionale il prossimo anno fosse andato a monte.

Niente da preoccuparsi però, perché la situazione rientrerà nella normalità e l'accordo definitivo dovrebbe essere raggiunto ad una riunione delle parti interessate che avrà luogo questo sabato.

Ieri sera, mentre questo giornale andava in macchina, si svolgeva a Brunswick la riunione pubblica indetta dalla Juventus per spiegare a tutti gli interessati le condizioni dell'accordo con il Comune di Brunswick, i piani e il modo di finanziamento della nuova sede. Al momento di scrivere perciò la riunione era ancora da farsi, ma non prevediamo alcuna difficoltà sulla realizzazione dell'ambizioso progetto. La prossima settimana daremo tutti i particolari.

U.S. girls on tour



The visiting American girls under-15 team and the Victorian girls under-15 team pose for this photo before their clash at B. J. Powell Reserve in Halton Road, North Dandenong last week.



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'81.....	1-3
'82.....	2-2



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'81.....	1-1
'82.....	1-1



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